

WESTERN LEAGUE.

LUTON AGAIN LOSE TO TOTTENHAM.

The Blues took a much weaker team to Tottenham on Monday, and though the 'Spurs were far from full strength, they again inflicted defeat on the visitors. Both teams have now finished their engagements in the Western League. The ground was of course very heavy, but the game was fairly interesting. One remarkable thing was the manner in which the ball was kept in play. Only five corners were forced during the ninety minutes—two in the first and three in the second half—and the throwing in was much less frequent than in any match played on the enclosure this season.

Darnell, the 'Spurs' left half, played a fine game, and when the whistle blew for time the left wing of Luton had had more than enough. Seeburg, too, was infected by the prevailing spirit, and presented the Luton goalkeeper with numerous Christmas-boxes in the shape of "lets-off" when he could easily have scored. He was partly responsible, however, for the first goal scored by the 'Spurs. He made a fine square pass to Payne, who drove the ball past Jarvis after twenty minutes' play. In the second half Seeburg made further amends by scoring from a rebound off the Luton goalkeeper.

The home side were worth more than a two-goals' victory, and with a little more steadiness in front of goal might have improved on their seniors' 5-0 victory of Saturday. Led by Walter Bull—who made his first appearance since his illness—the half-backs were continually making openings for their front line, and with a comparatively weak defence opposed to them it was irritating to see the chances of scoring that were squandered.

Walders was about the best of the Luton forwards, and with an ordinary goalkeeper might have scored; but Manning just now is at the top of his form, which was bad luck—for Walders.

The only shots likely to score against the 'Spurs' goalkeeper were from a very short range. This was rarely obtainable, owing to the steadiness of Tait and Watson, who were a much better pair than the Lutonian backs (Watkins and Hogg), who, in their turn, suffered through the weakness of their half-back line.