

Southern League.

Luton did quite as much as was expected of them on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, for both games resulted in a division of the points. As a matter of fact Luton deserved to win three if not all the four points at stake on the two days, for they were the better team in the match with Watford and had fully three-fourths of the play when they entertained Norwich.

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Watford brought a good number of supporters with them on Christmas Day, and the receipts amounted to £156, which was pooled between the two clubs, as Luton are to have a half of the gate at the Herts town on Good Friday. An amateur named Murphy from Falkirk occupied the centre-forward position in the Luton team, and F. Parsons appeared at centre-half, while Watkins took the place of Hogg at right back.

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The visitors showed up well in the opening play, but Luton were the first to get really dangerous. A good header by Murphy went just over the bar, and a few minutes later Fred Hawkes, who was playing inside-right, shot on to the post. After about half-an-hour's play Moody swung the ball out to Walders, who centred, and the inside-left had the satisfaction of heading through. The same players tried a similar movement a few minutes later, but a defender got in the way as the ball came across.

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Early in the second half the Watford outside-left headed just over. A centre by Rigate should have been converted by F. Hawkes. Murphy also failed to get at it, and Moody, who was taken by surprise, shot over. On one occasion McCurdy was beaten, but Watkins effected a clever clearance. In the subsequent play Rigate tried hard to score, but the only other goal was obtained by Badger, the Watford right-half, who scored from quite twenty yards out. Platt did not see the ball until it was in the net, for two or three players were in front of him.