

FOOTBALL.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. BRENTFORD.

STILL ANOTHER TRIUMPH.

Played at Luton on Saturday before about 3,500 spectators and resulted in a victory for Luton by 1—0. Teams:—

LUTON: Platt; Dimmock and McCurdy; F. Hawkes, Jones and R. M. Hawkes; Rigate, Rankin, Pearson, Moody and Latheron.

BRENTFORD: Williams; Watson and Clark; Jay, Tomlinson and McAlister; Brown, Parsonage, Bowman, Corbett and Underwood.

Referee, Mr. G. H. Muir (Southampton).

Bob Hawkes won the toss and set Brentford to face wind and rain. The visitors were early aggressive and in the first minute all but scored from a corner. Platt was tempted away from his charge and during his absence the ball was aimed at the open goal, but McCurdy, as usual, dropped back and stopped the sphere on the line. A second attempt was intercepted by Dimmock and Corbett relieved Luton's danger by kicking behind.

At the other end Williams had to handle with Moody close at hand to turn to account any mistake he might make. A long shot by Fred Hawkes which bounced just in front of the custodian nearly accomplished its object, the keeper touching it over the bar. From a centre by Rigate Moody sent the ball high over the horizontal in a good attempt.

Clark stopped an attempt by Rigate, but the ball came out to the winger again and his second shot was only saved at the expense of a corner. A second flag kick resulted, from which Pearson beat the goalie with a smart header just after the whistle had sounded for a foul. Rigate wildly sent another trial wide of the mark.

Dimmock several times came into prominence for good work at back. Play ruled pretty even, the ball travelling from end to end, but the town were the more dangerous in front of goal, and their efforts were rewarded 20 minutes from the start. Rigate took a corner he had forced off McAlister, and placed it so well that Moody had no difficulty in heading into the net. A second header by Moody landed on Williams' fists and the sphere came out to Latheron, who promptly returned it to the centre of the field where the Bees' defence got it away after some anxiety.

As the result of a smart piece of combination by Luton's forwards Moody headed a middle by Rigate above the bar. The Town kept up a determined pressure and the visitors packed their goal so that the ball was unable to pass through a veritable forest of legs. Williams later cleverly dealt with a shot by Rankin and on the rebound Moody repeated his comrade's effort, but the ball glanced behind off one of the backs. In the resultant corner Tomlinson handled in the penalty area, but no punishment was awarded him.

Brentford then attacked smartly, but Parsonage made a bad miss. Platt then had to punch away over the head of Bowman and at the other end Williams saved from Rigate against the post. A mistake by Dimmock gave Underwood a fine chance, but Platt diverted his shot in clever fashion and dealt with another from Parsonage at the expense of a corner. At the interval Luton led by 1—0.

The home team looked like increasing their advantage in the first minute of the second half

when Rankin sent just above the crossbar and Pearson also missed the post by a trifle. Platt put an effort from the wing by Brown over for an abortive corner and saved a second one from the same quarter. An appeal for hands against McAlister inside the penalty area brought forth only a throw down by the referee outside that area.

Brown sent a little wide of the target, but Platt had to save twice from Parsonage. From a place kick Luton went close to scoring and afterwards Moody, receiving from Jones, headed in, but the custodian was clever enough to touch the ball over the bar.

A good effort by Fred Hawkes was smartly dealt with by Williams, and Rigate missed the upright by a little. A miskick by McOurdy went close to lowering Luton's colours, but Brown sent across the mouth of goal when a shot might have scored. The end arrived with Luton winners by 1—0.

The game was at times poor and the drenching rain made a lot of the crowd anything but pleasant. Luton were just value for their victory and all played well with the exception of Rigate, who was right off form.