

LUTON v. LEYTON.

Played at Luton on Saturday. Result:—

Leyton	3 goals.
Luton	nil.

The teams were as follow:—

Luton—Jarvis; Dimmock and White; F. Hawkes, Jones, and F. Albone; Rigate, Rankin. Pearson, Moody, and Latheron.

Leyton—Skiller; Meredith and Busby; Denman. Moles. and Cresser; Kingaby, Aylott, Reneville, Turner, and Silor.

Referee, Mr. J. T. Ibbotson.

It will be noticed that Luton were not represented by their usual team. As a result of the injury to Platt's hand in the Watford match, he was unable to play, and on Saturday morn-

ing Jarvis, who was away with the Reserves, was telegraphed for. He only arrived on the ground a minute or two before the kick-off, but no delay was occasioned on this account, for he was wearing the usual rig-out of a footballer.

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McCurdy also sustained an injury on Friday, and his place was taken by White, who had been absent from the first team since Feb. 6th. The duties of captain devolved upon F. Hawkes, and when it was seen that he had won the toss, almost everybody thought the result of the game was a foregone conclusion, for Luton had the advantage of a strong wind in the first half.

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Jones had to give a corner however, in the first minute, and although Luton had the better of the exchanges for some time, the spectators watched with feelings of surprise the plucky efforts of the visitors. On one occasion the centre-forward received from Silor, but was going too fast to steady himself. A long shot by Rankin at the other end went just over. Then Leyton came again, and Reneville tested Jarvis with a fast low shot.

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The first goal was scored a minute later. The Leyton left wing worked its way down the field. The outside man transferred to Turner, who was almost on the goal-line, and the ball seemed to be going across, but White met it close to the near post and had the misfortune to head into his own goal. This happened twenty minutes from the start.

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With the conditions in their favour, Luton should have equalised before the interval, and Moody had hard lines on three or four occasions, but some of the members of the team were not showing anything like their best form, while on the other hand no exertion seemed to be too great for the Leyton players. On one occasion they came near to increasing their score, for Jarvis rushed out just in time to prevent Reneville taking advantage of a splendid chance.

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There is not much to say about the second half. There was still time for Luton to improve matters, but they never rose to the occasion, and when Leyton increased their lead a few minutes after the interval, the Blues were a beaten team. The goal was the result of a centre by Silor. It was met near the far post by Kingaby, and went off him into the net.

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The third goal, obtained about a quarter of an hour later, was scored by Silor, who intended to centre, the ball going across and hitting the post before going in. Two or three Luton players were quite close, but evidently expected the ball was going out of play. In the last few minutes it seemed that Luton should have had a penalty for hands by one of the defenders, but the referee took no notice of the alleged offence.

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Aylott had a fine opportunity to increase Leyton's lead in the last minute or two, but he shot straight at Jarvis. If he had scored, this would have been Luton's worst defeat of the season in a Southern League match at home. As it was, Leyton equalled the performance of West Ham at Luton in September. The three goals scored on Saturday were the first in the S.L. obtained against Luton at home this year. At Leyton, in December, the Londoners won by 5 goals to nil.