

LUTON v. LEYTON.

Played on Saturday at Luton before 4,000 spectators. Result:—

Leyton, 3 goals.

LUTON, nil.

Teams:—

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 (Derby).

Fred Hawkes captained the team and won the toss. In the first minute Jones gave away an abortive corner but immediately after the half-back stopped a long shot from Denman which was travelling straight into goal. Luton pressed very hard after this and Skiller showed his anxiety by frequently leaving his charge to handle the ball. Rigate put an end to a promising attack by misjudging the strength of the wind and sending a centre on to the top of the net. Peter Turner, the old Lutonian, sent a yard or two the wrong side of the post in a game individual attempt to score.

Receiving from Silor, Reneville was running through when Jarvis took it off his toe and cleared smartly. A corner at either end proved of no avail. A miskick by Busby sent the ball to Rankin who promptly sent it a trifle over the bar in a fine attempt and Moody afterwards sent a few yards wide of the mark. A magnificent shot by Reneville was splendidly saved by Jarvis on his knees. Twenty minutes from the start White had the misfortune to give Leyton the lead through heading a shot from Turner into the net.

Rankin gave Skiller some trouble with a neat effort and at the other end Jarvis dealt smartly with a dangerous centre by Silor, and Turner missed the target in a smart effort. Luton showed poor form in front of goal in a short period of attack until Moody went very close to equalising with a shot just by the upright. Just afterwards the inside forward's useful head sent the ball a little wide of the target again. Pearson was given a sporting chance but kicked wildly behind and Skiller punched out a centre from Rigate just over Moody's head. Moody sent past the post in a good effort and at half-time Leyton still led by 1—0.

Immediately after the restart Kingaby converted a centre by Silor and placed Leyton two goals ahead. Jones headed over the bar from a corner. A minute later Moody performed a similar feat. Denman had a fine shot from his foot saved by Jarvis. A centre by Silor struck the farther post and glanced into the net, giving Leyton their third goal, while the home defence was in a tangle. The visitors worked hard and successfully while

the homestery could do nothing right. The crowd ironically cheered the Town forwards whenever they touched the ball.

An appeal for hands against Leyton in the penalty area brought no result. After Jarvis had indulged in a dodging performance with two of the visiting forwards, Silor missed the goal in a smart effort. One of the finest shots which Skiller had to deal with came from Rigate but he negotiated it smartly. Peter Turner went within an ace of scoring from a centre by the speedy Kingaby. A second appeal by Luton for a penalty for hands obtained no response from the official in charge. Just on time Jarvis saved luckily from Aylott and Leyton won by 3—0.

Leyton deserved their victory because of Luton's painful weakness. The defence was poor compared with the Town's usual rearguard, and, indeed, the only man on whom much praise can be bestowed is Jones. Jarvis had to be telegraphed for from Southend where he was with the Reserves and arrived on the ground just in time to take his place in the team, but he was not given a good chance to shine, because he was not well supported by the men immediately in front of him.