

LUTON v. NORTHAMPTON.

Played at Luton yesterday before about 8,000 spectators which included a big contingent of visitors from Northampton. Result:—

NORTHAMPTON	ONE
LUTON	NIL

Teams:—

Luton: Jarvis; Dimmock and Nicholson; F. Hawkes, Jones and F. Albone; Rigate, Rankin, A. E. Jones, Walders and Latheron.

Northampton: Cooch; Britton and Davies; Lessons, McCartney and Dunkley; Didymus, Platt, Kilsby, Freeman, and McDiarmid.

Referee, Mr. C. C. Fallowfield.

Northampton kicked off but Luton were the first to set up a dangerous attack and a stinging shot from Arthur Jones was well saved by Cooch. At the other end Didymus spoilt a good effort by sending rather wide. A somewhat soft one from Kilsby caused Jarvis no trouble. A miskick by Nicholson gave McDiarmid a fine chance and his attempt was only an inch to high. A striking melee occurred in the mouth of the Northampton goal and it was only by a miracle that the visitors' colours were not lowered.

Luton gave the Cobblers a very hot time and receiving from Abe Jones, Rankin struck the post supporting the goal net with a clinking shot. Davies got in the way of a shot by Walders and Jarvis dealt successfully with one from Platt. A second effort from the last named flashed across the mouth of the goal and passed behind. Rigate was getting through on his own when Britton brought his endeavour to a sudden end and a long one from the Luton centre forward with plenty of powder behind it was well saved by Cooch.

A very promising opening for the homesters was thrown away by W. Walders kicking high over the bar and a good kick by Rankin landed the ball in the arms of the visiting custodian. Kilsby had to leave the field with an injured ankle and remained off until nearly half-time. A long effort by Dunkley was stopped by Jarvis, just under the bar. From a corner placed by Rigate, Rankin shaved the crossbar. Arthur Jones slipped and missed his kick when a middle by Rigate gave him a splendid chance. At the interval the score sheet was clean.

On the resumption the homesters goal had a couple of narrow escapes but the defence triumphed. Northampton did the larger share of the pressing and Jarvis brought off a fine clearance from Didymus. At the other end Walders frittered away an opening with a powderless shot. Cooch "set a back" for Rigate who appealed in vain for a penalty. Walders was injured by an accidental kick on the head but was able to resume after receiving the ministrations of the trainer. A grand shot by McCartney passed just above the horizontal at lightning speed. Midway through this half Nicholson put a centre from McDiarmid into the net, though had he not touched it the goalkeeper could have got the ball out of danger.

Immediately after Didymus had a fine effort smartly dealt with by Jarvis, who also cleared another attempt by Platt. A good piece of individual work by Didymus resulted in the home custodian effecting a brilliant save. Another fine long shot by McCartney was tipped over the bar by Jarvis, but curiously enough Mr. Fallowfield gave no corner-kick.

Although the goal by which the visitors won was fluky they were slightly the better team, their superiority being the more noticeable in the second half. The home forwards were again weak in front of goal, but Arthur Jones was an improvement upon Pearson.