

Western League.

LUTON AT PARK ROYAL.

On Monday Luton Town were at Park Royal engaged in the replayed Western League match with Queen's Park Rangers, when the Blues lost by 2 goals to love. It may be mentioned that last December, when the two teams met in London, the game had to be abandoned after ten minutes play in the second half, on account of the bad light.

There was an unusually small crowd on Monday, the "gate" being only about 500. On the whole it was a poor game. Perhaps the chief characteristic of the game was the poor marksmanship of the Rangers' forward line. The locals did practically all the attacking, but their shooting in front of goal was wretched; this was practically the reason why Jarvis (who was still doing duty for Platt) had few difficult shots to stop. The ball either went "miles" wide, or it was sent high over the bar.

The first half proved blank, and on resuming it looked for a time as if no goals were to be scored. Luton had now a larger share of the game, but after 20 minutes the Rangers notched their first point. This was really a gift to them, and was the result of a bad blunder on the part of Gregory. When he had time enough to clear, the Luton left back passed the ball back to Jarvis, and McNaught, who was well up taking advantage of the opening raced away, got possession before the custodian, and safely pushed the ball into the net.

At last this put life into the home side, and from the re-start they bore down on the Luton defence. Mitchell, the Rangers' right half-back, did the trick in five minutes; he took a long pot shot, and the effort succeeded, the ball going by Jarvis into the corner of the net. Result: Queen's Park 2 goals, Luton nil.