

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v. LUTON.

On Monday Luton played the postponed Western League match with the Queen's Park Rangers at Park Royal, and suffered defeat by two goals to nil. It may be remembered that the teams met some three years ago, when the match was stopped owing to a heavy storm of rain. On Monday the weather was delightful, but the ground showed traces of the over-night's frost. There was only a small attendance of spectators, some 500 lining the ropes. Jarvis again kept goal for Luton, and in the absence of Bod Hawkes and Jones the halfback line was made up of Fred Hawkes, White and Bradley; Brown was absent from the forwards. The Rangers, though the better side, failed to score in the first half, thanks to the sound Luton defence and their own erratic marksmanship. Jarvis was especially great in defence, and cleared several hot shots, one in particular from Snellgrove being a fine effort. Cannon, the old Hitchin man, had a glorious chance of notching the first point against his former neighbours, but considerably missed an open goal. This was from a centre by McNaught, and was decidedly lucky for Luton. Downing and Mitchell made good efforts to lower Luton's colours, and there were several exciting moments in the immediate vicinity of Jarvis. The Rangers, however could not break through, and the first half was drawn blank. The home eleven continued to press severely after changing ends, but once Johnson broke away on the visiting left, and with Shaw out of his place unaccountably failed to place the

ball into the net. Luton were rarely dangerous, but in twenty-five minutes Gregory passed back to Jarvis. Before the latter could reach the ball McNaught dashed up and scored the first goal for the Rangers. Directly afterwards a magnificent long shot by Mitchell increased the home advantage, and with Luton unable to reply Queen's Park Rangers won by 2—0. Teams—

Queen's Park Rangers:—Shaw; Macdonald and Fidler; Mitchell, McLean and Downing; McNaught, Cannon, Snellgrove, Greer, and Barnes.

Luton: Jarvis; McCurdy and Gregory; F Hawkes, White and Bradley; Stansfield, Haycock, Menzies, Moody and Johnson.

Referee, Mr L Bullimer.