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LUTON'S VICTORY AT WATFORD.

When the result of the Watford v. Luton match was sent through on Good Friday evening, Strawopolis was probably surprised at the performance of the Blues. In one sense it marked a "red letter day" in this season's history of the Town Club. Though Watford are not quite the side they have been, yet with Luton's end-of-season form, the most that one expected was that the Blues would effect a draw on the West Herts ground. For Luton to win by 3 goals to love was a good performance. But that was not all; Luton really ought to have had the five goals which they honestly obtained. The leather was fairly placed in the home net five times, but to the surprise of even many of the home spectators, the referee for some reason or other disallowed two of the goals.

It was a day of records. For the season 1908-9 this was actually the first match for Luton to win away. This is scarcely credible, but a perusal of the Town's performances will show that it has taken them nearly eight months to obtain two points on foreign soil. It was also a record for Watford, but in rather a different sense. Up to Friday, the Watfordians had not lost a match on their own ground this season. The attendance also was probably a record for the Watford enclosure. As the clubs "pooled" the gate, both sides ought to be highly pleased with the financial result. The attendance was stated to be 12,000.

Practically from the start to the finish there was only one side in it, and that was Luton. Having the upper hand in the first half, Moody scored a splendid goal just before the interval. Afterwards the home men showed improved form, but Menzies scored two fine goals as the result of excellent forward play.

At one point a portion of the crowd broke through, entailing a long stoppage. Luton again asserted their superiority, playing keenly, and it was the fastest game seen on the ground this season. Luton were far better served in attack than the home club, but Watford were, for the most part, superior in defence. Bradley led the Luton forwards splendidly, the work of the line being tremendously fast and incisive. Watford, on the other hand, played their worst game of the season.

Result: Luton, 3 goals; Watford, nil.
