# LUTON DRAW AT WATFORD.

## A POOR GAME.

Luton had every reason to be satisfied with making a draw at Watford, in the Southern League on Wednesday. If the home side had played anything like a decent game they must surely have captured the two points; indeed it was practically Watford's weakness that enabled the visitors to share the honours. Watford made several changes in their team, but the more important were in the forward line, which was really rearranged. Keen rivalry has always existed between Luton and Watford, and naturally the home side were bent on winning at all costs. Hence, the re-arrangement of the attacking force to meet the Luton halves. The home half line had also to be patched up, Fayers, the Watford amateur, having declined to take the field. On the other hand, Luton had the same team out as did duty at Leyton on Saturday.

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The Blues were the first to make any impression. Quite early in the game, Luton's right wing was very active. After a skirmish, the Luton quintette pressed home the charge, and Moody found the net before the game had been 10 minutes in progress. The visiting forwards were continually essaying shots, and Biggar had as much as he could do to prevent Smith and Quinn from repeating the performance. "Brown" was very conspicuous on the wing, his centres giving no end of trouble to the home defence. Play on the whole was poor, and there were not many features of interest about the game.

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In the second moiety Watford showed up a little better, but their really weak spot was in the half-line. Had they had three good half-backs on Wednesday, they would easily have accounted for the Luton forwards, whose general efforts were of a spasmodic character. The Luton band were certainly putting plenty of work into their play, but the performance was not high class. During the closing stages

of the second half, the Watford forwards assumed a really threatening attitude, and Smith scored for them a brilliant goal, beating Jarvis with a splendid fast shot.

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This was the sum total of the scoring. At times Luton were inclined to go out for winning, but the Watford defence, such as it was, had considerably improved, and Biggar had less to do. The local forwards made an effort to obtain the lead, but the Luton defence was impregnable against any attack. Hedley and Chapman were never in the least difficulty, while Jones and Fred Hawkes easily dealt with the home front string. Luton's two most prominent forwards were "Brown" and Moody. The former was very smart on the ball, and if the other men had taken his "tip" and gone in more for the long passing game, Luton would have done better. Moody was very good at times, and more than once deserved to score.

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There is no doubt Luton had the greater share of the play, such as it was. Generally speaking, one began to look forward to a win for Luton, seeing that at ten minutes to time the Blues had the only goal scored. It was largely through the clever head work of Moore, the Watford outside left, in getting through the Luton defence, that the locals were able to draw level. So a poor game ended in a draw of one goal each.