

LUTON'S WIN AT EXETER.

On Saturday Luton won a brilliant victory at Exeter, beating the City 2-1. So the Blues have succeeded in reversing last season's results. It will be remembered that last year Exeter won at home 2-1, and here 1-0. But earlier this season, when Exeter visited Strawopolis, they were sent home beaten by 3-1.

There was no alteration in the Luton ranks. Fred Hawkes had again choice of ends, and Exeter kicking off, immediately took up the attack. Jarvis was somewhat lucky in clearing from Bell in the first minute, but a moment later the Exeter man ought to have found the net. Nothing but excellent defensive work saved the Luton goal repeatedly, and at length play was carried to the home end. A neat passing movement ended in Quinn tricking two opponents and scoring with a long drive.

The visitors played confidently after this unexpected success, the understanding among the forwards being most pronounced. The home defence had many anxious moments, and it came as no surprise when Smith took advantage of a blunder by Craig, and passed nicely to Quinn, who scored the second goal with a good cross shot.

Exeter played desperately after this, and forced an abortive corner. Playing hard to reduce the lead, Exeter at length succeeded. Watson received from Copestake and transferred to Green, who dashed between the backs and scored with a splendid shot. A little later the same player looked certain to score again, but was charged down by Potts.

Exeter now pressed almost continually, but Potts and Chapman defended well. Luton's long passing game gave temporary relief, but the Exeter forwards were very eager. Jarvis effected several risky saves, and Green headed just wide. Just before the interval Watson had a chance, but shot wide. Half time: Luton 2, Exeter 1.

Exeter re-opened in promising fashion, Potts and Chapman repulsing a warm attack in which Bell and Green shone. Then Luton got down, but the home halves rushed them off their game. Following evenly contested mid-field play, Hartley dropped in a good centre, Green hesitating and shooting tamely into Jarvis's hands.

A minute later the Luton goal experienced a marvellous escape, Jarvis saving when hampered by two forwards. Luton, taking advantage of two opportunities, looked like adding to their lead. Then Exeter attacking again, forced a corner. Time was called with the result:—

Luton, 2 goals; Exeter, 1 goal.

One must confess that Luton were a trifle lucky in bringing both points home with them. Obtaining the first goal made all the difference to them; while it put confidence into the Luton forwards, the Exeter men were quite nonplussed at such an early and unexpected set-back. After they had settled down, the City played a fine, consistent game, but all the same Luton "shone" now and then. With his two goals, Quinn was naturally the hero of the afternoon. With four goals in two days, Quinn has quickly jumped up. Lewis (Northampton) and Shea (West Ham) are at the top with 25 goals each; Quinn has 16 to his credit, Smith 15, and Moody 10.