

# Football Notes and News.

By "THE GOALIE."

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## A TYPICAL CUP-TIE.

Although Rochdale are not in either division of the English League, or the Southern League, Lutonians recognised that their team had a stiff proposition before them in tackling the Yorkshiremen on their own ground, especially in a cup-tie, when the spoils more often go to the crude bustlers than the expert tacticians. In the previous round, Rochdale had disposed of Stockport County after two drawn games, and this put the visitors on their guard. An old Lutonian leads Rochdale in the person of Blakett, who with McCurdy and Platt did such good work in defence for Luton three or four seasons ago.

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The long journey was commenced on Friday, a halt for the night being made at Manchester. Johnson accompanied the team as twelfth man. The admission to the ground was only fourpence, and the 9,000 odd spectators brought in the record "gate" for the ground of £170. Bob Hawkes won the toss, and naturally elected to kick down hill, especially as that gave Luton the assistance of a strong wind. Although the visitors pressed for the greater portion of the first twenty minutes, the only likely shot was one by Smith which just sailed over the bar. At the end of that time, however, Stansfield centred for Quinn to head into the net out of Biggar's reach.

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After this Luton ought to have made things safe, but they failed to score at the critical moment, although Pushell went very near with another "header." Just before half-time, Potts was injured, but he pluckily resumed playing. Smith got clear away with only Biggar to beat, but the entre-forward had the misfortune to shoot straight at the goal-keeper and the opportunity was lost. This was the last incident before half-time, when the score stood: Luton 1, Rochdale 0.

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After Smith had nearly scored a minute or so after resuming, Rochdale set up a heavy pressure. A fine run by Smith (of Rochdale) ended in a beautiful centre, which Fleetwood drove into the net amid wild excitement. Luton were awarded a couple of corners, but the game went mostly in favour of the home side. Kenyon sent in a low shot, which Naisby saved, and he fisted away another from Manning. Although the Luton defence were pretty hard pressed to the finish, they held out finely, and the end came with the score:—Rochdale 1, Luton 1.—The re-play on Wednesday is reported in another column.