Southern League.

COVENTRY CITY v. LUTON. Played at Coventry on Saturday. Result :-

The teams turned out as follow :-

Luton-Naisby; Wightman and Potts; F. Hawkes, Bushell, and Johnson; Brown, Quinn, Smith, Moody, and Stansfield.

Coventry—Evans; Saul and Barnacle: Johnson, Bradley, and Chaplin; Parkes, Tickle, Smith, Welch, and Buckle.

Referee, Mr. A. G. Neale (London).

As the journey entailed leaving Luton at 8.40, R. Hawkes found it inconvenient to get away, and Johnson took his place. The only other alteration from the previous week was in the back division, where Wightman and Potts partnered each other as in the two Watford games at Christmas. As a matter of fact, it was Potts' first appearance since the Watford match at Luton. Coventry were able to play their full Cup team, and were locally expected to romp home, Since Luton's last visit to Coventry, the ground has been greatly improved. The pitch itself was in much better condition, but the most notable alteration is the fine new stand on the opposite side of the ground to the old one, which is still

Probably the City Club are unique, inasmuch as they have two sets of dressing-rooms, for they train during the week in the old quarters at the rear of the original stand, and only use the new ones on match days. So far, the new erection has hardly become popular, for many prefer their old familiar seats. The home officials were hoping for a favourable draw in the Cup to test the capacity of the new arrangements, and were sadly disappointed at being sent to Brighton after their fine win at Sheffield.

As usual at Coventry, there were several cases of reminon between the players and former friends before the game commenced, and no one seemed more pleased than Peter Platt to welcome his old conrades. He was looking particularly well, and wished to be remembered to all his old acquaintances at Luton. Naturally, he follows the progress of Luton, and was most disappointed at the finish that the team did not meet with the success they so richly deserved on the run of the play on Saturday.

Luton lost the toss, and after Stansfield had put across a couple of centres, the City left wing got to work, and the ball was brought down danwork, and the ball was brought down dangerously near to Naisby, when Buckle was pulled up for offside in the act of shooting, but it made little difference, for Naisby very cleverly caught the ball at the foot of the post. It was not long before Luton were the attacking party, and several promising raids were made on Evans' charge. Brown came through two or three times, and slinging the hall well over to the left, if was a very ing the ball well over to the left, it was a very near thing on each occasion, but Saul just managed to get there first and clear. Eventually Moody got through and centred finely, first Smith and then Quinn trying a rising shot, each of which seemed a certain goal, only to find the crossbar in the way. Both shots had to be taken quickly, for the home backs were well on the spot; still, it

score, the goal coming from a free kick well taken by Johnson. The ball was dropped nicely in the mouth of goal, and Quinn seeing Smith better placed, headed the ball across, and Smith neatly turned it through.

For a few minutes afterwards the play was always in favour of Luton, who looked likely to add to their lead. The Luton halves were consequently able to back up their forwards more than in some recent matches, for the City front line were playing a listless game and did not give much trouble. Stansfield and Moody brought the ball along nice, and Bert was tackled almost on the goal-line, but for some reason the game was stopped and a free kick awarded to the City. Presumably Moody fouled the City player, for it could not have been offside. Again Brown and Oning carried out a splendid combined movement. Quinn carried out a splendid combined movement, the former getting across a promising centre, but the former getting across a promising centre, but Smith failed to gather the ball, which travelled over to Stansfield, who lost it rather tamely. Luton suffered from a bad offside decision with the three inside men all well up, and the spectators were generous with ironical cheers, for the position gained meant an almost certain goal position gained meant an almost certan goal. Just on half-time Evans brought off a good save. after failing to clear at the first attempt. During this half Luton's forwards hit the crossbar no fewer than four times, and the home officials were quite prepared to admit that a three-goal lead at least would not have flattered Luton.

The City had played such disorganised football in the first half that the feeling was general that if they pulled the game out of the fire after the cross-over, it would be quite as much as they could do. After the re-start the home forwards "bucked up" a bit, but Wightman and Potts "bucked up" a bit, but Wightman and Potts were always on top when they came to close quarters. Stansfield hereabouts was getting plenty of chances to run through, being well fed, and Smith made two or three attempts to turn Harold's centres to account, but usually the shot was taken a bit too far out, and Evans was not to be heaten by long shots valed they was so to be beaten by long shots unless they were put in exceptionally sharp.

The game was stopped to enable "Coventry" Smith to recover from a collision between himself and Wightman, and the crowd were rather inclined to call for the latter's expulsion from the field, but the referee was not of the same mind. field, but the referee was not of the same mind. although he so far pleased them by walking up the field to Wightman. Whether he actually cautioned him, could not be judged. At this noint the City were better together than at any other period of the game, and did not seem to miss their centre-forward, for they practically attacked for the whole ten minutes he was away. Fortunately, the Luton defence held out, Wightman bringing off a good clearance when, following some pretty work on the part of Parkes and Tickle, the ball was suddenly transferred to the opposite wing was suddenly transferred to the opposite wing. Wightman intercepted with splendid judgment. al-though both Buckle and Welch were hampering

Jack Smith raced through in fine style, and with both backs right on his heels, he got in an excel-lent rising shot, which was pulled down by Evans amid loud cheers from the spectators at the back of the net. for a goal seemed pretty certain, and this would have quite settled the issue. Immediately after came the equaliser, and the City must be considered fortune's favourites to get it, for it meant they were able to stave off defeat after having by far the worst of the game.

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fisted away over to the Coventry left wing, and Buckle running in, just managed to steer if through before Naisby could take up his position, for he had run forward to get at Smith's original

It was after this that the City took their first corner, which shows how the game went. This was placed by Parkes a trifle short, and Johnson the home right-half, sent in a terrific first-time drive all along the ground, which only missed scoring by about a foot. Luton tried hard to get in front again, and Evans was found plenty of work, but he proved himself worthy of his Weish cap, which he will receive for playing at Belfast on Saturday through the absence of Roose. But nothing sensational was done, and the final whistle went with the result a division of points. The Coventry officials were quite pleased to share the points, which they were free to admit were scarcely deserved on the play.

Naisby had not a third of the work to do that Evans had; still, he could not be blamed for the only goal. Wightman and Potts proved a happy pair at back, and they were never really overwhole well judged, while they were very seldom at fault in tackling at close quarters. The middle division were not therefore called upon to do quite so much defensive work as in some games; consequently, they were able to devote more attention to their forwards, and naturally the attacking was better sustained.

Johnson now seems a better half-back than forward, and did really well at Coventry. The forwards played their best game for quite a long wards played their best game for quite a long time, and if they will only put the same effort into their work in the coming matches, Luton will mount up the League ladder almost as fast as they tumbled down during November and December, when they were compelled to play that long series of away games. Without exception, the whole five were miles ahead of their previous week's form week's form.

Not many of the home players would feel flat-tered by the comments of the crowd if they could have heard them all. But once Buckle was greeted from the grand stand, when he stood on the touch-line and allowed the ball to go into touch off his leg: "Well played, Buckle; that's the first time you have kicked the ball for half an hour!" As a matter of fact, Buckle was about the most effective forward, quite independent of the fact that he managed to net the ball. But, really, Coventry have Evans to thank for their League point, and next to him the crossbar, as one wag

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