

SPLENDID VICTORY AT WATFORD.

The next day Luton visited Watford with a large number of spectators, and succeeded in bringing home both points. The only goal was scored in the first half, and though Luton did not quite deserve to lead at the interval, they played right at the top of their form subsequently, so that Watford hardly had a look in. It was not until right near the close that Naisby had to handle, and indeed it was only on rare occasions that the ball crossed the half-way line. But for the magnificent play of Webster, Watford's goalkeeper, a heavy score would have been run up. The best player on the field was Bob Hawkes, who was irresistible. It was probably the best game he has played this season, and even Watford's supporters were loud in his praises. The Luton backs were more reliable than usual, and the whole team played well. Brown appeared at outside right again, and played a very effective game, and Streeton, at centre forward, was also at his best.

The match was played in a drizzling rain, and the turf was in a terrible state. Straight from the kick-off, Streeton was placed in possession right in front of goal, and Webster only saved his shot with difficulty. Luton kept up the pressure for a few minutes, Watford's raids ending as a rule in free kicks for offside. Naisby, however, had to fall at full length to save a shot from Gregory, and a minute later the ball bounced on the cross-bar from Grimsdell's head, and as it dropped was kicked away by Wightman. A header by Moody gave Webster some trouble, and then Watford got going again, Bushell clearing opportunely. Some dazzling dribbling by Walker changed the venue, but only temporarily, and Squires, getting away on the right, just missed the farther post with a cross shot.

In spite of the unfavourable conditions, the game was now fast and exciting, and with Luton having more of the game, the Watford defence was fully extended. At last some close passing near goal ended in Bob Hawkes driving the ball home. Luton had a narrow escape just afterwards, the ball being cleared from White with the utmost difficulty, and when Naisby dropped the ball with the home forwards near him, it seemed any odds on a goal. Wightman's foot, however, did the needful, and a moment later Squires made the Lutonians' hair stand on end with a magnificent cross shot. Tattersall also shot magnificently, and Naisby had little rest for some

time. Watford pegged away right up to the interval, but the Luton backs played a vigorous game, and at half time Luton were leading by 1-0.

The first item of note after the interval was a promising run by Streeton, who gave Webster a hot shot to save. The visitors kept up the pressure for some minutes, Bob Hawkes being responsible for many judicious passes. Try as they could, Watford could not break up the Luton attack, and Streeton and Walker nearly scored with well judged shots. The harassed defenders began to play wildly, and with Watford getting two men injured, their chances of victory seemed none too rosy. Streeton was playing a grand game, feeding the other forwards very cleverly. A beautiful header by Moody was caught by Webster, who had numerous shots fired at him. Time after time the Luton forwards beat the defence all ends up, and among many good saves by the home goalie was a grand dive at a shot from Moody. Brown put in some lovely centres, and with ordinary luck Luton must have run up a huge score. In the closing stages, Watford made a despairing effort, but Naisby was there when wanted, and time came with the result.

LUTON 1, WATFORD 0.
