

DEFEAT AWAY.

The feeling which was exhibited in the match at Luton was bound to have an effect on the return game at Southend on Wednesday, and it did. The play was altogether rougher than at Luton, and the football suffered severely in consequence. Hard knocks were exchanged very freely, and there was little of the usual type of League football seen. Worth was the only one of the Luton forwards to do himself justice, and the only departments in which the Luton team shone were half-back and goal, Day keeping a remarkably clever goal, in spite of the fact that he was beaten five times. Potts was hurt during the game, and once more failed to come out in his true colours, and Henderson did not do so well as on Monday.

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Southend succeeded by reason of the bright, thrustful work of their forwards. They were on top from the first, for they scored practically from the first, Wileman heading in from Holden's centre. Seven minutes later Day came out to meet Frost only for the ball to cannon off him and give Wilson, the outside right, an open goal to shoot into. Wileman completely beat the goalkeeper with a very hot shot in scoring the third goal, and before half-time came a penalty given away by Henderson, by handling, and converted by Wileman, increased Southend's lead to four. Luton did better after the interval, and a weak clearance by the Southend goalkeeper enabled Stephenson to score. All that happened after this was a couple of penalties. One was to Southend, and this their Wileman converted; the other was to Luton, but Thompson had his shot brilliantly saved. Wileman thus scored four of Southend's goals, and his success, coupled with the prevalence of penalties, were among the outstanding features of a game poor in football, though fairly attractive to witness.