

FOOTBALL NOTES AND NEWS

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON'S BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON.

TREHARRIS TROUNCED ON THEIR OWN GROUND.

BRIGHTER PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

Luton accomplished their best performance of the season on Saturday, when they defeated Treharris on their own primitive and peculiar pitch by 3-0. This has greatly improved their position in the League, especially as Croydon went down before Cardiff City. Treharris were only credited with six points for seven matches played, but they are not by any means easy of conquest (especially on their own small ground), and they have improved wonderfully since their visit to Luton a few weeks ago, when they were trounced by four goals to nil. They were bent on reversing the verdict and of emulating the 'Darians in their effort against the same team. Treharris again relied upon the same eleven as defeated Ton Pentre (away) last Saturday and Swansea at home on Monday.

The ground was in excellent condition, and keen interest was evinced in the game. It is interesting to note that Treharris have played and won all four matches (three home and one away) since their visit to Luton. At first it was thought that Hawes would have to make his Southern League debut with Luton, but Streeton was able to make the journey, and so the Blues turned out as follows:—Goal, Abbott; backs, Henderson and Potts; half-backs, F. Hawkes, Wilson, and Thompson; forwards, Wileman, R. Hawkes, Stephenson, Streeton, and Worth.

A stiff wind blew from goal to goal, and Treharris winning the toss, set their opponents to face it. Luton were the first to get within range, and a free kick was awarded them in a good position. Hawkes took the kick, but his shot went over the bar. After fine combination between the halves and forwards, Treharris applied pressure, but a free kick for off-side brought relief to the visitors. The whites came again, and for next few minutes kept the straw plaiters penned in their own half. Several good shots were sent in, especially by the halves, who were playing a grand game, but Abbott was safe.

Demmery stopped good shots by Streeton and Wilson. A beautiful run by C. Pickett along the line gave the home forwards a fine opportunity, but it was lost through hesitation. Up to this stage the Lillywhites had most of the game, but the Luton defence was difficult to overcome. Wileman, the visitors' right wing, burst through in characteristic fashion, and Timmins had to save by kicking behind. The kick was well taken, but it came to nought.

Pretty play by the home vanguard resulted in Archie Pickett skimming the cross-bar with a rasping shot. Wileman again got clean through, and Streeton, meeting the ball as it came across, drove it into the net giving Demmery no chance. Following this reverse, the Luton defence was again severely tested, but could not be beaten, as they packed the goal when danger threatened. A little later the Treharris right wing got going and Hugh Williams made unsuccessful attempts at scoring, with the result that the teams crossed with Luton leading by 1-0.

Luton began forcing matters after the interval, and were using their weight to advantage. They continued pressing, and increased the lead through R. Hawkes, but Demmery could not be blamed. Play continued to favour the Straw-plaiters, and Wileman was again conspicuous with a fine run on the right, and in a final effort the ball skimmed the cross-bar. The visitors' goal area was then the scene of operations, but there was no real danger. Stephenson then scored for his side from a beautiful centre by Worth. The visitors' goal in the closing stages had many narrow escapes, but their defence prevailed, and they secured a fully deserved victory by the score:—

TREHARRIS 0, LUTON 3.