

THE GAME WITH TUNBRIDGE WELLS RANGERS.

There was not a large attendance when the players lined up to the whistle of Mr. H. R. Child (Middlesex) at 2.30. Bateman, the Dunstable Town amateur, in the place of Abbott, was the only change from Luton's team which defeated Southend last week, the elevens being:—

Luton—H. Bateman; Henderson and Potts; F. Hawkes, Wilson, and Thompson; Wileman, R. Hawkes, Stephenson, Streeton, and Worth.

Tunbridge Wells Rangers—Archer; H. G. Livesey and Kent; Harvey, W. Lambe, and Beillingham; Hollamby, Holmes, W. J. Ford, S. P. Thair, and Perkins.

Bob Hawkes won the toss, and the Rangers had to face a cold breeze. They made a quick run down, but soon had to turn on their tracks. Livesey met a dropping ball poorly. It glanced off his foot towards the centre. The ball went across, and Bob Hawkes got it and passed to Streeton, but the inside-left was so well covered by the time that he swung round that he was muffled up. The ball was only partially cleared, however, and when it came in from the right, Stephenson let fly and the ball dropped just over the crossbar. For a few minutes the centre-forward's ankle had to receive attention from Billy Lawson. The Rangers then took a run a little beyond the half-way line, and Henderson, in checking them, sent the ball dangerously near the directors' and Press "observatory" windows. Holmes got away nicely on the right, but passed the ball too far forward for his partner.

Bob Hawkes put in a deal of pretty and useful play. He worked the ball past two half-backs very neatly, and then Kent rushed at him, but missed. Wileman, however, was unable to get to the ball and it rolled outside. The Rangers soon had a very narrow squeak. Worth, who had been doing little, received the ball out on the left, and drove in a very swift oblique shot. Archer touched it with his finger-tips and managed to deflect it just sufficiently for it to run along on the line practically from post to post and then outside. Bob Hawkes concluded a fine bit of work by passing to Stephenson, who was pushed just as he was about to shoot. A minute later, Jimmy put in a capital left-foot drive from the right wing which Archer managed to tip over.

The attack was well maintained. Wileman supplied the ball to Bob, who ran a few yards and then shot. As he did so, he was bowled over and turned a somersault. The shot went wide. Holmes then sent Hollamby away and he centred beautifully, but Bateman jumped out and cleared. The Rangers kept the ball down that way. A free kick was given against Luton. Potts made only a partial clearance, and Holmes getting the ball, sent in a glancing shot which passed outside the farther post. Fred Hawkes later relieved by sending forward to Stephenson. Then a fine shot by Worth was stopped by Livesey, after which Wileman drove in a beauty from the right, and the goalkeeper made a very lucky clearance by jabbing his foot down at the critical moment.

Wileman made another attempt. Archer caught the ball, fumbled it about, and then dropped it, after which he got rid of it. The referee whistled and pointed to the centre. The Rangers vigorously appealed, but after consulting one of the linesmen, Mr Child adhered to his decision; so Luton were one up. As soon as the ball had been re-started, Wileman again dashed away and shot, but Archer had been considerably bucked up, and did not hesitate in his clearance this time. The turn of events did not please the Rangers by any means, and they started bundling the home team about. Bob Hawkes, in his attempts to get to the goal, being a particular mark of theirs. Fred Hawkes sent in a nice shot which Archer just knocked down. A back then touched it, but Stephenson got his head to the ball and scored, but the referee considered that he had fouled someone.

At half-time the score was still 1-0, but very soon after the interval Wileman passed neatly to Bob Hawkes, who, with the prettiest movement imaginable, caught the ball on his right foot and plunked

it into the net. Tanbridge afterwards forced a corner, chiefly through good work by Perkins. Then Thair shot across, and Bateman stepped out and caught the ball as it was going past him and held it securely. Henderson miskicked, and Perkins rushed up. Potts did not clear, and for a moment the goal was in danger, but Thompson sent for a corner. A shot by Streeton went between Archer's hands, but his legs saved the goal. A minute later, Luton had another good chance, but Streeton missed and Fred Hawkes sent outside. But the goal was not long in coming. Wileman put in a capital centre, and Streeton headed Luton's third. A fine kick by Henderson set Luton going again. Bob Hawkes nipped the ball out to Wileman, who tried a shot which went wide. Lambe, the Rangers' centre-half, was playing in a manner which aroused a great deal of resentment. Wilson was injured, and later the referee spoke to Lambe. Bateman, in making a plucky save from a corner, was incapacitated for a time, but was able to resume, and later cleared two good attempts by the visitors. Final, 3-0 for Luton.