

LUTON v. TON PENTRE.

Luton on Saturday were visited by Ton Pentre, who have not yet won a match, and who are quite easily the bottom of the Southern League Second Division. The result was:—

Luton	7 goals.
Ton Pentre	1 goal.

There were several eleventh-hour alterations on both sides, with the result that the teams were fielded in the following formation:—

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

Ton Pentre—Percival; J. Jones and Tanner; Hathaway, Simpson, and Evans; Roberts, Saunders, Clark, Williams, and R. Jones.

Referee, Mr. G. H. Moody (Bilston).

Ton Pentre got away quickly from the kick-off, and through a slip in the Luton defence they looked like scoring, but Bateman saved, and the home team were soon setting the pace in the opposite direction. Ton Pentre's goal was in grave danger, but Smith was just unable to hook the rebounding ball into the net. There followed some midfield play, in which the Ton Pentre halves did well by keeping close on to the Luton forwards and hampering their attempts at combination. The visiting forwards then advanced and managed to force a corner. There was a tussle for some moments not far from the Luton goal, but eventually Thompson rushed through the tangle and cleared with a good kick. This enabled the home team to make headway, and Smith from close in tried to score, but it was such an easy shot that the goalkeeper had not much difficulty in clearing. Near the half-way line Bob Hawkes touched back to Potts, but the left back slipped, and Roberts had a good chance until Henderson intervened. Subsequently Stephenson centred nicely to Smith, who headed to Murphy, and he trapped the ball well and shot for goal, but the ball was knocked out. Bob Hawkes got to it and sent in a lovely swerving shot, which passed a couple of feet to the wrong side of the upright. But the pressure was maintained. A finely-judged pass by Thompson to Murphy was followed by the Irishman giving the ball to Worth, who instantly centred it in capital style. Smith shot, and the goalkeeper beat it down, but before Percival could recover, Smith was on him and gently pushed the ball into the goal. Up to this time Ton Pentre had not given at all a bad display, but they soon began now to have the goal's piled up against them. One of their backs took the ball off Murphy's toe as he was about to shoot from a couple of yards out, but in a few minutes Wileman scored from Worth's corner kick. Shortly afterwards the goalkeeper stopped a free kick taken by Thompson, but the Ton Pentre man did not clear it well, and Smith, running round a back, scored Luton's third. Bob Hawkes then took a free kick from nearly thirty yards out, and sent the ball in just under the bar. It was probable that Percival might have, by a considerable effort, tipped the ball over for a corner, but he did not appear to make the effort. Smith afterwards lost a capital chance of adding to the score, but he had another opportunity almost immediately. Stephenson dropped the ball in splendidly from the corner, and Smith, rising up amongst a bunch of players, headed Luton's fifth. A penalty was next awarded against the visitors for fouling Worth, but the goalkeeper saved Thompson's shot. After this, Ton Pentre obtained a corner and then a penalty kick, but Bateman saved, and half-time arrived with the the score 5—0 for Luton.

On resuming, Ton Pentre showed the better form of the earlier part of the match. Potts fouled Clark as he was making an individual burst. Then R. Jones, the outside-left, unexpectedly saved the ball from going out and centred it to Clark, who worked it through and placed it capitally out of Bateman's reach. Wileman quickly added one for Luton, the goalkeeper doing little to stop it. Afterwards Murphy touched the ball nicely to the foot of Stephenson, who drove it into the net with a capital kick. One or two of the players subsequently had a little disagreement, but they soon cooled down. There was an amusing scene when Percival hung on to the ball after Smith had tried for goal. Percival apparently did not like to get rid of it, and Smith was soon rushing down upon him. The goalkeeper ducked and threw the ball aside, but Smith fell over the man, and Stephenson, who had also run up, had to jump clean over them into the goal to avoid hurting them. There was no more scoring.