

First Visit to Wales.

ABERTILLERY YIELD TWO POINTS.

LUTON'S IMPROVED FORM.

Luton played their first away match in the Second Division of the Southern League on Wednesday when they visited Abertillery. The result was a victory for Luton by 2-1, but as this was the home team's first game, it is rather difficult to draw any safe conclusions from this. A gratifying feature of the game was the improved play of the visiting forwards, who turned out as follows:—Stevens, Wilman, Brown, Rollinson, Wilkie. The rest of the team was the same as on Saturday.

As was only to be expected, Luton showed the more science in every department, and were particularly clever in front of goal. Nevertheless, Abertillery revealed rare promise, and their forwards, led by Baddeley, gave the Luton defence an anxious time, and with more luck might have drawn level. The game was full of incident, and Abertillery were splendidly served by Hurst, whose clearances were the feature of a gruelling game. Jameson, Handley, Craig, Sangster, Bridgett, and Baddeley were prominent for the home team, and for Luton Rollinson and Wilman were the best of a good forward line. The halves did well, and the sterling defence of Elvey and Jarvie at full back left nothing to be desired. Luton well deserved their victory, although it was not so easily obtained as some people expected.

Luton made the game very fast in the early stages, and though Abertillery well held their own for a time the pace at length began to tell on them, and their goal was captured. The home team were on the attack when a momentary slackness gave the Luton forwards a chance to get away. The ball was put to Wilman, and this player dashed between the backs and scored a splendid goal. The visitors were then hard pressed, and they resorted to the one-back game to keep the Abertillery forwards at bay. Baddeley shot high over the Luton bar, and, thus given an opportunity to make ground, the visitors at once had the home defence in a tangle. Hurst, the goalkeeper, rushed out to save, but Rollinson secured the ball, and with a well-timed shot gave Luton their second goal. The Luton forwards dribbled and passed cleverly, and as a result Hurst was often called upon. Later, however, the game took a turn in favour of Abertillery, and, when Sangster centred brilliantly, Baddeley headed into the net. The game was now exceptionally keen. Both sets of forwards played excellently, but they forced the respective defences sound, and the interval arrived with Luton leading by the odd goal of three. The second half was fast and even. Abertillery tried hard to equalise, but their shooting was not very accurate, and the end arrived with the score:—

Abertillery 1, Luton 2.