

FOOTBALL.

Yesterday's Match at Abertillery.

LUTON'S TWO GOALS IN TWENTY MINUTES.

Luton visited Abertillery yesterday and got two Southern League points as the result of a win of 2 goals to 1. Luton travelled down in the morning and took with them Simms as a reserve player, the team turning out to represent the Town being:—Mitchell; Elvey and Jarvie; F. Hawkes, Frith, and Bob Hawkes; Stevens, Wileman, Brewis, Rollinson, and Wilkie.

There were 3,000 spectators (wires our correspondent). The pitch has a lovely situation, but the grass was long and the surface rough..

Elvey let Bridgett centre, but Jarvie cleared. Jordon, the old Merthyr player, returned the ball with a terrific drive just wide of the goal, and then Bridgett, the outside-left, sent a fine attempt just over the bar.

Following this, Luton did better. Brewis and Rollinson forced the play, and Wileman, after tricking Jamieson, opened the score with a grand shot into the top corner of the net.

Mitchell saved finely from Baddeley by tipping the ball over for a corner kick, but this was cleared, and soon Wileman struck the upright with a sharp drive. He had hard luck and deserved to score with such a fine shot. Offside against Sangster, Abertillery's outside-right, spoilt a nice opening for the home team, but Baddeley worked through and shot right across. Mitchell just turned the ball out by throwing himself at the ball as it came in near the far upright.

Stevens, when well away, was badly fouled by Jamieson. The next incident was when Elvey headed the ball in the wrong direction, and Baddeley securing, sent a hard shot just over. It was a near thing. Then came Luton's second goal. Bob Hawkes passed out to Wilkie, who tapped the ball back into the centre. Hurst came out to meet the attack, and Rollinson, with an open goal, scored. Luton were thus two goals up after twenty minutes play, and soon after this they would have had three to their credit but for a bad decision. Stevens got the ball from Wileman and went through and netted, but was given offside.

Luton forced a corner and Wilkie took the kick. Brewis headed into goal, but Hurst punched clear. Abertillery next pressed, and Jarvie hooked the ball away twice in succession, and when hard pressed gave a corner to Abertillery, which was followed by another from Bob Hawkes. Both were cleared, but the next corner, which was off Frith, was headed through by Baddeley, Abertillery's manager.

Early in the second half Wileman headed over a good centre from Wilkie, and then Brewis being too slow to accept a pass from Wilkie, spoilt another good opening. Bob Hawkes tried to score direct from a free kick. Hurst dropped the ball but got it away at the second attempt.

Abertillery next attacked, and Hauxby (one of their half-backs) dropped in a long shot, which Mitchell just caught under the bar. Soon after this Stevens got clean through for Luton, but was brought down. Unfortunately a penalty was not given. Later on Jarvie, in dashing across to save a breakaway, kicked into touch but hurt himself badly. The game was stopped for some time, but Jarvie did not leave the field. When play was resumed, Rollinson got a shot through in fine style, but Hurst just saved, and Wileman, in endeavouring to score, was hurt six yards out from goal, but he resumed play.

The Luton team are staying in Wales to play the return match with Mardy on Saturday.