

Football Notes.

By "THE GOALIE."

ANOTHER UNCONVINCING VICTORY.

LUTON BENEFIT BY MARDY'S MISTAKES.

FORWARDS AGAIN FOUND WANTING.

By their victory at Mardy on Saturday, Luton go to the head of the Second Division of the Southern League, but they will have to display much better form to remain there, especially when they meet some of the stronger teams. Swansea Town's victorious career was checked at Ton Pentre, where the home team were robbed of victory by good goalkeeping, the result being a draw. Stoke's first match of the season in Wales provided them with two valuable points, their victims being Mid-Rhondda. Abertillery came out of their tussle at Pontypridd exceedingly well, considering this was their second essay in the competition. They were beaten by two goals, but gave the home team a hard game. After a stiff fight, Croydon Common gained two points at the expense of Newport County, scoring the only goal of the match, while Llanelly covered themselves with glory at Treharris, where they won by 2-1. Aberdare had little difficulty in disposing of Barry, and the clubs now stand as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
LUTON TOWN	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Swansea Town	3	2	0	1	7	0	5
Croydon Common ...	3	2	0	1	4	1	5
Brentford	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Llanelly	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Pontypridd	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Newport County	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Stoke	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Aberdare	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Mardy	3	1	2	0	5	3	2
Barry	3	1	2	0	4	10	2
Caerphilly	3	1	2	0	2	11	2
Ton Pentre	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Mid-Rhondda	2	0	2	0	1	4	0
Abertillery	2	0	2	0	1	4	0
Treharris	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

The two teams turned out as follows:—

Mardy — Middleton: Jones and Jenkins; Arthurs, Griffiths, and Tebbutt; Cartmill, Hall, Fitzsimmons, Pinney and Lockett.

Luton—Mitchell; Elvey and Jarvie; F. Hawkes, Frith, and R. Hawkes; Stevens, Wileman, Brewis, Rollinson and Wilkie.

The referee was Mr. E. E. Small, of Bristol.

Although Luton won, their display was not particularly flattering, the forwards in particular lacking finish. Wileman and Brewis were about the pick but they did not penetrate the defence by reason of any well conceived and nicely executed movements, for these were conspicuous by their absence. The strongest part of the team was at half, and although Bob Hawkes had most to do, and generally did it well, the destructive play of F. Hawkes and Frith was conspicuous throughout. The backs, Elvey and Jarvie, gave a good impression, and their clearances were clean and, as a rule, well judged in length and direction. As for Mardy, the defence of the team wants strengthening. The halves, Arthurs, Griffiths, and Tebbutt, are only passable; they know what to do, but fail to do it to the best advantage. The backs, Jones and Jenkins, will surely improve with time, and it would be wise to persevere with them, but Middleton needs to learn a lot in the art of goalkeeping.

Luton found the home defence off colour, and both their goals came from weak clearances in the first half on the part of the home backs and goal-keeper. The first was due to faulty work by Middleton, and the opportunity was not lost by Wileman, while the second goal came soon after from the foot of Brewis. At half-time the visitors led by two goals, but Mitchell had not enjoyed an easy time in the Luton goal. Lockett and Pinney on the home left wing gave Bob Hawkes plenty of work to do, and generally came off best, but Fitzsimmons in the centre was weak and spoiled all the good work they did. Mardy scored their goal in the second half from a penalty, but should have got through more often. The kick was taken by Jenkins, but Mitchell saved finely. The ball rebounded into the field of play, and Pinney shot it back into the net. Result:—

MARDY 1, LUTON 2.