

FOOTBALL.

WHY LUTON LOST AT CARDIFF.

Luton's defeat by 3—1 yesterday in their Southern Alliance match at Cardiff was largely the result of misfortune. Before Luton settled down, Clark beat Robinson and sent the ball across for Burton to head through, but after this Luton got together, forced several corners, and were making a good fight when they were again set back by what was considered a very bad decision of the referee. Even the Cardiff directors agreed that Burton was offside when he received the ball almost under the bar and scored. Luton attacked strongly on changing over, and a strong appeal was made for a penalty when Ward handled, but the referee would not give it. Later Stevens got across a good centre and Rollinson netted. Rollinson also put in the best effort of the afternoon, and his cross drive appeared certain to score, but Stephenson threw himself full length and tipped it for a corner. If the shot had scored, in all probability Luton would have run out easy winners, as they were more than holding their own. It seemed only a matter of time for the equalising goal to come along when a very unlucky kick from Wilson led to a break-away and Devlin scored. Luton were unlucky to lose, and would not have been flattered by a draw. The forwards played better than at Llanelly. Jarvie was the better of the two backs, while Wilson was the most effective of the middle line and played a really good game. Luton team: Mitchell; Robinson and Jarvie; Wilson, Frith, and R. Hawkes; Stevens, Brewis, Simms, Rollinson, and S. Hoar.