

A LIGHT LET-OFF.

LUTON'S UNSATISFACTORY WIN OVER ABERDARE

FIVE GOALS BY BREWIS.

After the poorest game seen at Luton this season, the home team defeated Aberdare on Saturday by 7-0. Such a score suggests that Luton must have played a good game, but as a matter of fact they were far below their usual form, though the visitors may consider themselves very fortunate to escape with only seven goals against them. Six of them came in the first half, and after the change of ends Luton missed an equal number of chances. The home team were unable to field at full strength owing to injuries to Durrant and Mitchell, while Simms and Bob Hawkes were neither quite fit. Mitchell received a rather serious injury at South Shields, and will probably be out of the team for a month, while Durrant may be away for an equally long period. Aberdare, who have just passed through an internal crisis in their affairs, had seven of their usual side out. The two teams were:—

Luton: Abbott; Robinson and Jarvie; F. Hawkes, Frith, and Wilson; Donaghy, Wileman, Brewis, Rollinson and Wilkie.

Aberdare: Lewis; Lewis and Tinsley; Goulden, Hatton, and Rose; Woodward, Williams, Smith, Holden and Brayshaw.

The feature of the game was the fine form of Brewis, who netted five times. His four goals in the first half were gailed by coolness and accurate shooting, and if the other forwards had played a more straightforward game in the second half he might have been good for four more. Wilkie was in good form and put in some splendid centres, and the half-backs had little difficulty in holding the Aberdare forwards. Robinson, who played instead of Elvey, put up a clever exhibition, and Abbott made one or two saves that showed he has lost none of his old resource. The real weakness of the visitors lay in their half-back line, the result being that the backs were overwhelmed with work. They also possessed only a moderate goalkeeper, who had no idea of saving a shot out of the ordinary. The forwards were good in patches, and Brayshaw might have done some good work had he been better supported. Taken altogether Aberdare were the poorest eleven Luton has had to meet, and the three thousand spectators were tired of the game long before the finish.

As for the play itself the only interesting part about it was the goal scoring. Nothing happened until after the first fifteen minutes, and then goals came at regular intervals. Brewis got the first after receiving a well-placed centre by Donaghy. He neatly trapped the ball and calmly placed it out of Lewis's reach with a simple shot. A minute later Rollinson headed the ball on to the cross-bar from Wilkie's centre, and Rollinson made sure of the rebound. The third goal also resulted from Brewis's excellent shooting, and the same player banged the fourth into the net after receiving a clever pass from Rollinson. One of Wileman's unstoppable shots brought about the fifth goal, and Brewis took advantage of a weak clearance to make the total six at half-time. The least said about the second half the better. Through Luton's slackness Aberdare did a certain amount of attacking and on one occasion Abbott made a splendid save when Holden seemed to have the goal at his mercy. Two fine shots from Wileman deserved to find the net, but just missed, and the only goal came from Brewis, who headed in after a corner kick taken by Wilkie. Result:

LUTON 7, ABERDARE 0.