

LUTON v. CARDIFF.

Southern Alliance Medals.

Played on the Luton Town ground on Tuesday. Result:—

Luton Town 1 goal.
Cardiff City nil.

Teams:—

Luton—Abbott; Jarvie and Robinson; Wilson, Frith, and Bob Hawkes; Stevens, Wileman, Simms, E. J. Dodd, and Wilkie.

Cardiff—Kneeshaw; Britton and Doncaster; Harvey, Lathan, and Hardy; Seymour, J. Burton, Hopkins, G. Burton, and Evans.

Referee, Mr. C. W. Gillett, Willesden.

The holiday spirit affected not only the spectators, but the players, who joked and smiled frequently during the game at any funny little tumble or slip. Before the match started the Luton players were photographed at the rear of the stand by Mr. W. H. Cox for the "Luton News." There were several changes in the Luton side at the last moment. After such a strenuous Easter this was to be expected. Fortunately, Cardiff had nothing of importance to gain or lose, so they did not over-exert themselves. Had they been like Luton—in a position to win the position of runners-up—there is little doubt that Cardiff could have done it, for in the first half, against a stiff breeze, they frequently showed form which quite overshadowed the Luton side. For all that, Kneeshaw had a lot more work to do than had Abbott, and on one or two occasions he had literally to throw himself at the ball to keep it out. Simms tried all kinds of shots, and a little luck would have helped him to score.

It was a little way on in the second half when the goal came. Dodd, who just before the interval had badly twisted his knee, limped on for the second half, and it was remarked by some that he would be better resting. As it happened, it was a pass by him that led to the goal. He had changed places with Wilkie, and from the outside left position the Harpenden amateur put across a nice centre. Kneeshaw rushed out and Wileman leaped up and cleverly headed the ball into the net. At times the game was more like a friendly, but every now and then there would be some serious football. The crowd took both kinds in the best holiday spirit. They chaffed Doncaster as he made fantastic runs to take goal-kicks, they cheered Robinson loudly as he made good clearances in the same capital manner as at Stoke, they applauded now Frith as he doubled back to stop some Cardiffian flyer, then Wilkie as he tried to do the work of two men, and then Stevens as he made tremendously energetic dashes, even though his rush carried him too far. One save by Abbott is certainly worth mention. In the second half J. Burton got away and drove the ball in low at a great pace. Abbott made a dive, and was just able to deflect the shot by throwing himself like a torpedo at the ball. Generally speaking, the game was not "great," but everyone appeared quite satisfied. The club will have the honour of being at least runners-up, and the players will be able to add handsome medals to their watch-chains.

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE.

(Including Tuesday's match).

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		
					F.	A.	Pts.
Luton	16	11	4	1	36	20	23
Croydon	16	10	4	2	24	16	22
Brighton	14	9	3	2	32	12	20
Cardiff	16	5	7	4	26	25	14
Newport	16	6	8	2	20	23	14
Portsmouth ..	16	6	10	0	22	28	12
Southampton ..	16	5	9	2	27	32	12
Brentford	16	4	8	4	18	33	12
Southend	14	4	7	3	12	28	11