

FOOTBALL.

Reading Win at Luton.

After doing so well at Gillingham it was a disappointment to see Luton lose, at home yesterday, by 2—1 to Reading. Reading led by 1—0 at half-time, but they hardly deserved to on the play up to then. The forwards got on very nicely at first. Simms showed considerable improvement, and the whole line made concerted movements in a manner which led one to suppose that the performance at Gillingham was the beginning of a series which would keep Luton high up in the table, but later on they seemed to be carried away by the excitement of the game, and spoilt a good many chances both in passing and shooting. The first goal against Luton no doubt greatly disappointed the home men, for it was to a certain extent preventible. The ball was dropped in from a considerable height. While Mitchell shaped to catch it, Elvey went to keep Chorley away, but only partially managed it. Nine times out of ten, however, Mitchell would have cleared, but before he could really do anything Chorley had bundled the ball into the net. Roe (who was at inside right because Wileman was resting his knee) put in several good shots during the first half, and once Robinson with a big kick from near the half-way line dropped the ball just in front of the uprights, and it almost bounced in. The spectators near there claimed that Crawford took the ball into goal while clearing. The home forwards really ought to have got a goal early in the second half, when they rushed the defence and were all round the Reading goal. Soon afterwards the equaliser did come, and rather unexpectedly—at any rate for the Reading goalkeeper. Roberts took a free kick, and with a very quick shot Rollinson placed it into the net. Reading's winning goal was the outcome of a nice run by Stevens, who then swung the ball across the field. A couple of Luton players got in one another's way, with the result that Chorley had only Mitchell to beat, and he managed that with a nice header. It was very hard lines for Luton to be beaten. The Reading men were quick on the ball, and it was simply opportunism on the part of Chorley that gave them the victory. The Luton backs played a good game, Robinson having one of his best days. Johnson was the most prominent of the half-backs. Roberts, who has been the star man lately was not so good as usual—but then Roe's style does not suit him like Wileman's. Roe, however, made a good show as a forceful attacker. Simms started very well, but dropped off. Rollinson was good, but Lindley has not yet found his best form.

Teams:—

Luton—Mitchell; Elvey and Robinson; F. Hawkes, Frith, and Johnson; Roberts, Roe, Simms, Rollinson, and Lindley.

Reading—Crawford; Smith and Bartholomew; Comrie, Stevenson, and Willis; Stevens, Bailey, Foster, Chorley, and Lofthouse.

Referee, Mr. J. Lilley, Rushden.

Attendance about 2,000.