

FOOTBALL.

Southern League.

LUTON'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.

MORE AWAY SUCCESSES.

WATFORD'S REVENGE AT LUTON.

The holiday football has provided yet another illustration of the weird form which enables the Luton team to gather points away and lose consistently at home. On Good Friday the team had to visit Watford, for whom a victory was confidently predicted, but tradition triumphed over form, and the Hertfordshire team went under by four goals to two. The next day Luton went to Millwall, and in view of the fact that the London men won at Luton earlier in the season, the match was rightly looked upon as a difficult bundle. After being two goals behind, however, Luton pulled themselves together and emerged with a creditable division of points. The same day Watford lost at West Ham, and this, combined with their defeat the previous day, seriously jeopardised their chances of the championship. They came to Luton on Easter Monday, however, and won with the greatest of ease, and as West Ham lost at Cardiff, Watford are still at the head of affairs. As usual the gates of the two games between Luton and Watford were pooled, and as both amounted to just under £300, the clubs have reason to congratulate themselves.

The victory of Luton at Watford on Good Friday was the surprise result of the day. Watford were going so strongly for the championship that an easy win for them seemed certain, but the visitors' success caused no surprise in Luton, where away wins and home defeats are now accepted as a matter of course. It must also be remembered that Luton generally do well at Watford, whatever the relative positions of the clubs may be. Although there was no excursion, a fair number of Lutonians visited the Hertfordshire town by road, and there was a record holiday crowd, numbering close on eight thousand. As the gates were pooled this was good news for the Luton Directors.

The game did not furnish a particularly bright display of football the players apparently being too excited to give of their best. Luton owe much of their success to their backs, Elvey and Dunn, who time after time saved critical situations. Luton scored first through Hoar, but ten minutes later Kennedy equalised from a penalty given against Dunn for fooling Hastings. Prior to the interval, Simms gave Luton the lead, and twelve minutes after the resumption Rollinson increased his side's advantage. Watford retaliated strongly, and Ronald put the finishing touch to a shot from Waterall. The game became very exciting, and Watford looked like equalising, but Luton put up a sterling defence. Four minutes from the end Williams ran out of goal, and Roberts lobbed the ball into the net. A feature of the game was the fine play of Hoar and Bob Hawkes.