

FOOTBALL NOTES.

(By CRUSADER).

On Good Friday, at Watford:—

Watford	4
Luton Town	2

On Easter Saturday, at Norwich:—

Norwich City	1
Luton Town	1

On Easter Monday, at Luton:

Watford	2
Luton Town	1

On Easter Tuesday, at Bristol:—

Bristol Rovers	5
Luton Town	0

Volumes of advice have reached me this week as to what I ought to say, what the Town players ought to do, and what the directors ought to do. Now let me say at once that the directors hope to put some of this advice into operation next Saturday. The exact manner in which it will be done I am not at liberty to say at the moment, but if changes are not made it will be because events have happened which prevented the management carrying out what they had in mind, and what they wanted to do. It is hoped to get Newman into the team again on Saturday, and another new player in a position that I cannot mention now. With that crumb of comfort I may now deal with the holiday programme and its very unsatisfactory result.

One point out of a possible eight takes some explaining away, and it is deplorable when matches have been lost that there should have to be criticism of the referees. In the match at Watford the loss lay entirely with the inefficiency of the Town team to hold the home side in the second half. It was very galling to be leading by two goals to nil at the interval, and then to lose by four goals to two, and while giving credit to the Watford men for a wonderful recovery, one cannot do other than say that the Town lost heart in the first five minutes of the second half and allowed the home team to do pretty much as they liked. There was an entire lack of spirit and dash in the Luton side after the interval, and Watford took full toll of their opportunities. At times they played with the home defenders, and they fully deserved their victory.

Of the return match at Luton on Monday so much cannot be said. The factors which enabled Watford to win were the admirable goalkeeping of Williams and the very bad mistake made by the referee which allowed Watford to score the second goal. Every experienced spectator and player who witnessed the game saw that the Watford forwards were badly offside when they got this goal, and as Luton had much the better of the game until then, they were distinctly unfortunate to go down. After the prolonged pressure Luton put up in the first half, it was just about what we expected when Watford broke away and scored. There was no mistake about the penalty from which Dick Elvey equalised, and Williams again stood between the Herts team and defeat during the period that followed, but when the visiting left wing were allowed to get away and score what proved to be the winning goal, the official in charge spoilt what would otherwise have been a very good exhibition of refereeing. It was distinctly rough on the Town to lose this game. Similarly in the match at Norwich, the referee gave the home side a goal when Summers dropped the ball, although the keeper was well out of his citadel.

The fourth game and the end of the second long journey, found the Town quite unfitted for the strenuous game at Bristol on Tuesday, and it was no surprise that they went under by five goals to nil. The defence bore the brunt of the struggle, the halves and forwards being very leg weary, as was only to be expected. The home side's goals were scored by Sims (3), Steele and Crompton, and three of the goals were scored in the first half. Summers kept goal well, and Elvey and Dunn played manfully, but the team as a whole were very tired. Hill was the pick of the forward line. Dick Elvey missed a penalty awarded for a bad foul on Hill. The teams were:—

Rovers.—Whatley: Harvie, and Brandon; Howes, Crompton, and Steele; Walter, Davison, Sims, Weston, and Palmer.

Luton.—Summers; Elvey, and Dunn; Hawkes (F), Urwin, and Parker; Higginbotham, Hill, Roe, Tomlinson, and Bookman.