

READING ROUTED BY LUTON.

Luton, at home, defeated Reading by six goals to nil. Simms opened the scoring after eighteen minutes, Hoar followed suit eight minutes later, and two other goals were added within four minutes. Smith, the Reading back, retired with a damaged injury.

Reading were completely outplayed in the second half. Simms completed his "hat trick" from a lovely combined movement, and added his fourth goal eight minutes later. Reading were lucky to escape a heavier score.

LUTON SCORE SIX

Reading Well Beaten Away from Home

Luton Town. 6; Reading. 0

Handicapped by an injury to Smith, Reading were quite outplayed by Luton on the latter's ground yesterday, and suffered defeat by 6 goals to 0, Simms returning to the centre position. The home forwards showed great form in the opening half, and before the interval obtained a lead of four goals.

Only 18 minutes had gone by when Simms opened the scoring, and before the interval further goals were added by Hoar, Higginbotham and Simms again.

Four minutes after the restart Simms, following a capital combined movement, added a fifth goal, and the same player also put on a sixth, the home forwards keeping up the pressure right to the end.

LUTON RUN RIOT.

Ernest Simms Secures Four Goals Against Reading.

Luton 6 Reading 0

Quite a pleasant Wednesday afternoon sort of business was the attitude in which the players started this game. But at the end of six minutes Simms, Hoar, and Higginbotham each scored, and kept up a persistent attack on Crawford's goal. Smith fell on his wrist during one attack, and had to leave the field; in consequence Reading adopted the one-back game, and off-side ruling spoilt the interest. Simms, however, got his second goal before the interval, when Luton led by four to nil.

Luton were disposed to gallery play in the second half, and allowed numerous scoring chances to pass. Simms, to oblige the crowd, put on a couple more in a casual sort of way, but he never appeared to worry over-much. The Reading halves could seldom keep pace with the speed and skill of Luton, while the forwards were completely subdued. Crawford did fine work during the second half. Wilde played heroically at back when possible, but Simms required a lot of watching.

The Reading forwards lacked both pace and skill, Carr alone playing at his best. Luton's defence had very little to do. Bailey seldom touching the ball. Lennon and Tirrell were safe, but the halves controlled the game. Parker did clever work at centre-half, but Lamb was not one whit inferior. Butcher was the outstanding forward, his understanding of Simms being really brilliant. Higginbotham was almost as useful. Hoar and Bookman were in sparkling form, and Simms led the line cleverly.