

DOWN AT WATFORD.

WATFORD 1 goal
LUTON TOWN nil

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Watford.—Williams; Horsman, Slade; Carter, Toone, Wilkinson; Bassett, Smith, Hoddinott, White, Waterall.
Luton Town. —Bailey; Lennon; Tirrell; Molyneux, Parker, Lamb; Hoar, Shankland, Simms, Mathieson, Bookman.

The game at Watford on Good Friday was remarkable. In the first half Watford were slightly better, but the Town played well, and had quite a good share of attack. The only goal came from the foot of HODDINOTT, and, in my opinion, was scored from an offside position. There were one or two little incidents that brought the game a trifle below the traditions of the clubs, although it was by no means unpleasant. Luton were severely handicapped in the second half by an injury to Parker shortly after the resumption. He collided with Lamb, and his knee was severely damaged. He had to go to the extreme left and Mathieson's consequent withdrawal from the forward line had a deteriorative effect upon the forwards. The best work in attack before the interval came from Mathieson, and after the interval the most troublesome player on the Town side was Hoar, but Simms, who had received a bad blow in the eye during the first half, could not get going.

Something like 4,000 supporters from Luton were disappointed with the result, and most felt that Parker's defection made all the difference. Bailey kept goal finely, and was frequently cheered for capital saves. Tirrell was in great form at back, and Lennon also returned to something like his best form. Molyneux showed that his rest had done a wonderful amount of good, and in defence and attack alike he worked both skilfully and diligently. Parker did well until he was injured, and Lamb was all right until he lost his colleague. Mathieson quickly showed that he would claim his place in the first eleven, for his footwork was brilliant, and it was a mistake that he went into the middle line, for half the sting was taken from the attack when he fell back. Simms suffered from his injury to a much greater extent than was apparent, and he was well shadowed by Toone. Shankland got his first run with the seniors, and, although somewhat slow, he showed rare footcraft, and he played very well to Hoar. Bookman could do little against the boisterous Horsman in the first half, but he gave glimpses of his best form in the opening stages of the second until Parker got hurt. Hoar gave a sparkling display all through, some of his runs being electrifying, and before the close he had two or three opponents constantly dancing attendance upon him, for he looked more like damage than any other Town forward.

Of Watford, Williams was safe in goal. Horsman was a strong back, but his exuberance is still unchecked. Slade promises to develop into a really good partner. Toone played a strong, if not always clean, game at half, and the same might be said of Wilkinson. Carter was clever and clean, and played a nice, cool game. Hoddinott was a dashing leader of the vanguard, but shot poorly. Bassett gave most trouble, his centres being a constant menace. He was well served by Smith, a new player from Kettering. Waterall was somewhat subdued, in spite of the cleverness of White, who worked with skill and cunning throughout.