

LUTON TOWN, 2; SWINDON TOWN, 1.

Bright weather prevailed at Luton, and there were 14,000 spectators. The teams had many changes. Davies put Swindon ahead with a lovely goal after ten minutes. Luton had then practically all the exchanges, and did everything but score. Higginbotham and Mathieson hit the bar, and Skiller effected several glorious saves. Higginbotham headed an equaliser four minutes before the interval. Fifteen minutes after change of ends Skiller badly fumbled a shot from Butcher and gave Luton a lucky point. Swindon were subsequently more prominent, the inside forwards combining to great advantage. Bailey made magnificent saves from Denyer and from a corner. Luton were kept fighting hard until the end.

A NOVELTY AT LUTON.

FIRST GOAL BY VISITORS SINCE SEPTEMBER.

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Both sides at Luton had to call upon a number of reserves, there being no fewer than eleven alterations in the teams advertised. Swindon were hard pressed at the start, but a sudden raid by Denyer saw the ball go inside for Davies to score with a fine shot. This was the first goal scored by a visiting side at Luton since their first home match.

Skiller saved Swindon several times before Higginbotham headed a beautiful goal from Molyneux's centre. Butcher got the winning goal in the second half, Skiller failing to hold a high dropping shot.

Play was vigorous and, considering the hard work entailed by the two previous ho'i-day games and the sticky nature of the ground, quite fast. Luton pressed hotly for long periods, but Skiller kept goal well.

At one period eight red shirts could be counted in Skiller's goal area, so well did Maconnachie pack his goal. The old Everton man was the star of Swindon's side, and played almost faultlessly throughout. Dawe put up a good game at half, and Davies and Denyer were the best forwards.

Bailey's work was chiefly from long-range calls. Lennon was unwell, but Tirrell rose to the occasion and played finely. Roe was the most polished half on the field, and won a lot of applause. Mathieson got hurt early on, after which the forward line did not knit well, but all were triers, especially Butcher and Higginbotham.

Luton: Bailey; Lennon, Tirrell; Molyneux, Walsh, Roe; Bassett, Higginbotham, Mathieson, Butcher, Bookman.

Swindon: Skiller; Weston, Maconnachie; Ing, Archer, Dawe; Denyer, Davies, Metcalfe, Johnson, Turner.