

A GREAT WIN.

(By CRUSADER.)

At Luton.

LUTON TOWN	2 goals
SWINDON TOWN	1 goal

LUTON.—Bailey; Lennon, Tirrell; Molyneux, Walsh, Roe; Bassett, Higginbotham, Mathieson, Butcher, Bookman.

SWINDON.—Skiller; Weston, Maconnachie; Ing, Archer, Dawe; Denyer, Davies, Metcalfe, Johnson, Turner.

Referee.—Mr. E. J. Green, London.

The headline may look flattering, but, all things considered, I think the Town's success on Tuesday was quite equal to the performance of the two previous days. With such regular stalwarts as Hoar, Walker, Foster, and Simms absent, and Lennon, Tirrell and Bassett suffering from extra hard knocks, and other players with bruises and sprainings, it was a really fine performance to beat Swindon by the odd goal in three.

True, Swindon also had reserves out, but they have a stronger list than the Town, and when they knew the conditions at Luton they rather fancied their chances of winning. The manner in which they played showed it. After DAVIES had got a good goal for them, following clever work by Denyer, ten minutes from the start, they packed their goal at every sign of danger, and although the Town forwards hit the bar several times, it was nearly half-time before HIGGINBOTHAM headed the equaliser in brilliant fashion after smart work by Molyneux.

The winning goal came ten minutes after the change of ends, and we were lucky to get it. Following some close work on the left, BUTCHER got hold and lifted the ball into the goal-mouth. Skiller got to it all right, but appeared in doubt whether to fist the ball or to catch, and he tried to do the latter a second too late, for the ball slipped from his grasp and fell over the line.

It was very unfortunate for the Swindon custodian, for he had kept goal splendidly and he made a great save from Bookman before the end. He had much more work than Bailey, and he did it well.

Maconnachie and Weston were splendid backs, and quite clean, but the halves were not entitled to similar tribute, Ing especially being unscrupulous, and being thrice warned by the referee. Of the forwards Denyer and Davies were the pick, although Metcalfe did well at times.

Bailey maintained his fine form, and Tirrell put up a grand game. I do not think he has ever played better than now, and it was a good thing yesterday, for Lennon was playing under difficulties, and every kick gave him a lot of pain. Roe was in magnificent form, his footwork reaching classic style, while Molyneux again proved that he is always worthy of a place in the side. Walsh was a stern trier, but got very tired, as one might expect. Of the forwards, Butcher and Bookman made the better wing and the latter's success was very pleasing to the crowd. Higginbotham worked like a giant, and one is tempted to ask why he does not play as well in every game. Bassett was inclined to pay too much attention to the man, while Mathieson, apart from his injury, was not able to lift himself clear of the run of hard luck that has beset him.