THROUGH SWANSEA "SPECS."

"Luton, if lacking in individual cleverness, were certainly the heavier side. With perhaps one or two exceptions, the eleven was comprised of stalwart footballers. In contrast, the 'Swans'' forward line seemed a puny lot, but they were quicker in front of goal than the visitors. One thought that although the trio which displaced last season's middle line was on the whole an effective one there was something lacking. If one concentrates on the question of defensive halves, which was a sore point in discussing the old men, there was not much between them. This because it was obvious to every level-headed follower that to-day the half-back line was not always a very certain one under pressure. In discussing the changes in the "Swans'" side, however, one has to remember that the opposition to-day was not by any means feeble. On the bulky side, their weight counted for very much, but the erratic shooting, coupled with a fine display by Brooks, prevented them securing the equaliser some time before the end. In the concluding minutes Swansea Town were undoubtedly the superior eleven, and one has also to refer to the goalkeeping of Gibbon. That brilliance on the part of the 'Swans' was spasmodic. Dealing with the game as a whole, they did not introduce the standard of play which marked the bulk of last season's games. Having already referred to Gibbon, one cannot say much of the remaining Luton players. Sometimes individually and sometimes collectively they evoked applause for some daring attack and displays in the Swansea goalmouth, but, on the whole, they seemed too bulky and disorganised a team to have created a very great impression."—"Rolande" in the "Sporting News."

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"The game produced very few thrills and compared unfavourably with what the

supporters of the club had been in the habit of being served up with last season. Luton proved themselves to be a keen and robust team, and gave almost as much as they received, whilst the 'Swans' were undoubtedly handicapped by the fact that the new half-back line was not in touch with the men in front of them in the sense that Roulson, Harwood and Williams were. Compared with what we have seen of him in the past, Collins was rather a subdued pivot, whilst there was nothing outstanding in the work of Bellamy, except that he kept at it, and again demonstrated the fact that he is a good plodder. Booth showed several flashes of aggressive genius, and endeavoured to establish the triangular game with his wing, but there was very little success attending his efforts, and owing to the fact that the half-backs were predominantly breakers-up and not constructionists the team's performance as a whole fell below what had been expected. The forwards were never well together and remained units, of whom Deacon and Spottiswoode were the most effective, whilst of the full-backs Milne was probably the better, and Brooks justified his inclusion in the team, if only by reason of his dramatic save late in the game, when by running out and dispossessing Kerr when the latter looked bound to score, he made it possible for the 'Swans' to retire bare winners."—"Reynard" in the "Sporting Post."