

Cobblers' Haul.

The game on Monday evening at Luton was typical of the average game away from home, and I wish those who appreciated the work of Jennings in this game would try to remember that our games away from home are frequently of that character—games where men of personality and frames like iron are the determinant factors. Indeed, that may be said of ninety per cent. of our games away. The need may be summed up in the lines of Samuel Butler:

In all the trade of war, no feat
Is nobler than a brave retreat.

Luton had to do much fighting on the retreat, and with his rearguard of uncertain quality, Jennings inspired his colleagues to the same desperate resistance, and Foster and Millar responded in like fashion. I do not say that it is pretty to watch, but the attractive thing is not the effective when one is fighting to hold one's ground. The first essential is to be effective, and to leave the artistry to the periods of aggression.

Northampton quickly showed us that their side had been organised on lines similar to ours, but that the forwards were riper in experience, hence they were superior in the method of attack. There was no daintiness of style such as the Town defence faced at Swansea—simply a direct cut to goal and the application of strength if progress were challenged. Aply led by the forceful Lockett, it was soon evident that error would be dangerous, and so when the Town defenders faltered at the end of six minutes' play, LOCKETT scored with a fast low drive. It was some time before Luton made anything more than a raid, but gradually they began to assert themselves, and from Hoar's centre Green flashed the ball like lightning against the side net. A foot more accurate and the equaliser would have come. The "Cobblers" called back their forwards to assist the defence, but Luton still attacked, and when Hoten was going between the backs, he was sandwiched by Brett and Wood and brought down so violently that he had to receive attention. A penalty kick was awarded, but Hoar shot nearly straight and without much powder, and Smith saved. Profiting by this good fortune, the "Cobblers" pressed again, but were driven back, and from a smart pass by Jennings, Hoar went down and was a foot too high with a flying shot from the wing. Graham was crippled in stopping another advance just on half-time, which came with the "Cobblers" still leading.

The home team attacked warmly on restarting, and the "Cobblers" were so hard pressed that three fouls were com-

mitted within as many minutes, but the goal remained intact until twelve minutes after the resumption. Then Danskin lifted the ball under the bar, and as Kerr was going for it he was pushed. Another penalty was awarded, and this time GREEN was entrusted with the kick. He crashed the ball into the net at a terrific pace. The best chance of the game came shortly afterwards, when Danskin swished the ball right across the goal-mouth, but all the inside forwards missed it.

Northampton had the better of the closing stages, and once Lockett got clear except for Pearson, when the latter dispossessed him in brilliant fashion, and the game ended as above recorded.

For the "Cobblers," Watson and Brett played well at back, the middle men were strong, and Lockett ably led a fast and not unskillful forward line.