UN HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

LUTON TOWN IN THE DUMPS.

One Point Out of Six.

(By "CRUSADER.")

At Watford on Christmas Day.

WATFORD 1 goal
LUTON TOWN 1, WATFORD. - Williams; Slade, Prior;
Smith, Strain, Carter; Stephenson, Poole,
Pagnam, Bell, Andrews.

Brookes; Anderson, Graham; ggs, Millar; Mackey, Butcher, Mills, Jennings, Millar; Mackey, Bu Tricker, Reid, Dennis Referee; Mr. R. G. Rudd, London, Scorers: Poulton for Watford, Reid for Luton,

At Luton on Boxing Day.

WATFORD LUTON TOWN 3 goals

LUTON.— Brooke Mills, Walker, Mil Kerr, Reid, Dennis. Brookes; Anderson, Graham; r. Millar; Mackey, Butcher, Butcher,

Williams; Slade, Prior; arter; Stephenson, Bell, WATFORD. — Williams; Slade, I Smith, Strain, Carter; Stephenson, Pagnam, Andrews, White, Referee: Mr. R. G. Rudd, London. Scorers: Andrews (2), Pagnam. At Gillingham on Saturday:—

GHLINGHAM 4 goals LUTON TOWN 1 goal

GILLINGHAM. — Fox; Robertson, Hendrie; Jones, Rutherford, Cook; Chance, Marshall, Brown, Ramsell, Berry, LUTON,—Brookes; Anderson, Till; Mills, Walker, Millar; Mackey, Butcher, Kerr,

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Walker, Millar; Mackey,
Reid, Dennis.
Referee: Captain A, Prince-Cox, Barnes.
Scorers: Marshall, Ramsell (2), Chance
for Gillingham; Reid for Luton.

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Whatever changes are made in the Town team on Saturday will be justified, if only from the point of view of continuing the search for a winning team. The holiday games have shown up in glaring fashion many weaknesses, and it is obvious that the directors must rapsack the whole of the resources at their command if the position on the League table is to be improved. For the players one can have a good deal of sympathy. They have all done their best, undoubtedly, and some of them have suffered injury and have never recovered confidence. In the main, however, there has been a tack of balance and blend, and, more than anything else, an absence of good marksmanship. There is at the moment very serious danger of finishing in one of the two lowest positions on the table. At this period last year the Town occupied the fifth position on the League table, but now they are virtually third from the wooden spoon.

In what direction can the directors look for improvement? Everywhere. It is useless to be satisfied with any position, and there should be a constant search for new blood. It has been alleged, perhaps with some truth, that the directors are too centimental at the end of the season, in that they retain players who have fulfilled their period of usefulness. It is an allegation that will hardly bear inspection. The retentions from last season, nor from any season for that matter, did not meet with unanimous approval, but the deterioration of the club is not attributable thereto only in small part. The high hopes that were entertained from the new players have not been fulfilled, and it has been nothing short of remarkable that players who made good reputations have not realised their best at Luton. Then it must also be borne in mind that injuries have played no small part in the shuffling and re-shuffling of the team.

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