

LUTON MERIT SUCCESS.

Rangers Well Beaten in Keen Game.

GOOD GOALKEEPING.

(By "CRUSADER.")

Luton Town made a welcome return to form on Saturday, when they defeated Queen's Park Rangers by two goals clear.

The ground was little better than a bog, and with rain falling heavily up to the kick-off there was no wonder that the referee had doubts about finishing the game, and that the attendance was the lowest for any first team game this season, not more than 5,000 being present.

Once more we had a game in which the teams played clean football, there being very few infringements for fouls. There was a scene in the second half when a spectator is alleged to have thrown a piece of clinker at McAllister, the Rangers' right half. It is said that this player struck Reid, but the incident was not seen from the Press-box, and there was no indication of trouble until the referee called upon a policeman.

REID THE OPPORTUNIST.

In the first half the Rangers held their own fairly well and gave Harper some awkward shots. The tactics of the teams were very much alike, but the Town did the more shooting, and it was only the fine display of Cunningham that kept down the score. He had proved his quality before REID beat him when the game was ten minutes old. Woods, who was doing fine work, had a fast ground shot stopped by a defender, but Reid was on the spot, and without hesitation he crashed home a grand drive, Cunningham having no chance. Cunningham made many brilliant saves before the interval, having much more work than Harper, and time after time he saved his goal when the chance seemed hopeless. Once Agnew got clean through but shot straight at the goalkeeper. At the interval the Town led by the only goal.

THE CROWD'S DISAPPROVAL.

The second half found the Town much the better side, but the Rangers got a good chance of equalising when Lofthouse dribbled right through and passed into the centre. Agnew had come right back, however, and saved the situation. Then Reid tackled Cunningham when the goalkeeper was in possession, and the goalkeeper could not shake him off. To the edge of the penalty-area the chase continued, and then Reid pushed the goalkeeper off, got possession and netted with a lovely effort. The referee, was close up, however, and penalised Reid. He drew upon himself a demonstration of disapproval, but it was a correct decision.

The Town played fine football and were aggressive for long periods, but Cunningham and his backs played well, the goalkeeper making brilliant saves. He was eventually beaten, however, when Pointon put over a perfect centre for WOODS to head a grand goal.

DESERVED SUCCESS.

The end came with the Town still having the better of the play, and thoroughly deserving success. The play of the team all round, though not of the high standard seen against the Palace, was still in advance of average displays, and both teams showed skill and zeal on the heavy ground. The Town defence was sound, Harper making several good saves, and Richards and Till were a strong pair of backs. The former was slipped rather easily at first, but was a tower of strength in dangerous moments in the home goal, where his head work was particularly good. Till, however, had no equal on the field for general play, unless it were the visiting centre-half. The middle men were better in construction work than in defence, and Black was again the best of the trio. He played cleverly throughout. Rennie gave fine passes to his wings, but was lacking in defensive ability, and should have given Reid more work. Millar's best came in the second half, for he was a long time before getting the measure of a clever right wing.

GOOD FORWARD WORK.

Reid led the forwards skillfully, distributing nicely and shooting strongly. Woods was as brainy as ever, and the cleverest member of the attack. Pointon did fine aggressive work, though spoiling much of it by centres that were too strong. Agnew did well for half-an-hour, and then lost pace, and Clark was capable enough when given the chance.

For the Rangers Cunningham and Cable were the most conspicuous. The goalkeeper played grandly all through, and the centre-half finished as strongly as any player, and better than most. He was quite the best half-back playing, and it was not his fault the Rangers lost. Hooper did well at back, and Hamilton, Goddard and Varco were always troublesome to the Town defence.

LUTON TOWN 2 Goals
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS Nil
LUTON.—Harper; Richards, Till; Black, Rennie, Millar; Pointon, Woods, Reid, Agnew, Clark.
RANGERS. — Cunningham; Hooper, Young; McAllister, T. H. Cable, Middleton; Hamilton, Varco, Goddard, Paterson, Loft-house.
Referee: C. T. Gould, London.