

LUTON'S RECOVERY.

Fine Victory in Last Home Match.

(By "CRUSADER.")

April football is generally regarded as equivalent to April weather—anything but dependable. Luton Town supporters who remained staunch to the last, were well rewarded on Saturday, for they saw a really fine game, in which the Town were at their best, and fully deserving of their decisive victory. The visitors put up a game response, and wanted a lot of holding at times, but the Town showed form equal to anything they have given this season, home or away, and four goals did not exaggerate their superiority.

GOOD BEGINNING.

In the early stages of the game, both teams went all out, and for a few minutes there was just as much likelihood of Bournemouth scoring as the Town. Each side missed opportunities, and then after several hot scuffles in the Bournemouth goal area, and several fruitless corners had been forced, RENNIE took a long shot, cleverly judged, and the ball travelled at a great pace into the net right away from Robson, who made a gallant but ineffectual effort to save. The visitors replied with vigour, and two or three times came near scoring, but the Town were improving all the time, and getting on top.

A GREAT GOAL.

After Thompson had twice gone near with good efforts, REID executed a skilful dribble, and after bamboozling two or three opponents, fired in a shot that beat Robson all ends up. It was a great goal, and was cheered to the echo.

The visitors had one or two opportunities, and both Stringfellow and Clifford missed good openings, but in the main the Town were harassing the visitors' defence, and Robson was almost continually at work, making many fine saves, and the interval came without further score.

LUTON 2 Goals
BOURNEMOUTH Nil

The second half opened rather in favour of the visitors, who went all out for a goal, and several times came very close. Harper having a good deal to do Richards and Till were compelled to work hard, but eventually the Town halves and backs put on pressure again, and Robson earned kudos by his skill. Several times he was applauded for his agility and judgment, but he was beaten as the result of a move in which Reid was prominent, the latter rushing through to drive in a hot shot. Robson got down to the ball and stopped it, and gathered it, but Woods bowled into him and forced him to drop the ball, and THOMPSON netted.

BRIGHT PLAY.

The Town played brilliantly after this, and hammered away at Robson's goal, centres coming across from both wings, and the inside men dribbling skilfully and strongly. Reid took the ball after Black had manœuvred through, and then centred for DENNIS to head in, and though Robson managed to scrape the ball out again, the referee held that it had crossed the line, and the visitors did not make a song about it.

There were many attacks after this, and towards the end the visitors responded hotly, their right wing leading the forays usually, and once Harper made a magnificent save from Eyre, but the visitors had to retire without a goal, and the result was:

LUTON TOWN 4
BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE... 0

LUTON.—Harper; Richards, Till; Black, Rennie, Millar; Pointon, Reid, Thompson, Woods, Dennis.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Robson; Armstrong, Hayward; Halliwell, Miles, Smith; Clifford, Taylor, Eyre, Stringfellow, Maidment.

Referee: A. W. Lamacraft, Exeter.

There could not have been a dissatisfied supporter of the Town at the end of the game, interest being maintained to the last, and the football was always fast and clever. On the hard ground the players controlled well, and the passing and dribbling was much better than in any other game played under similar conditions. Harper brought off several good saves, but his backs stemmed the tide of attack generally. Richards was the best back on view, playing a great game again, and Till was clever, as usual. Black put up a brilliant game at half, and Rennie and Millar were also on top form, the three having much to do with the fine play of the forwards.

Thompson's leadership re-vitalised the line, and he was a host in himself. He not only hustled the backs to good purpose, but made openings for others, and shot well. Reid and Woods both gave of their best, and the wingers completed a most effective line.

For Bournemouth, Robson, Armstrong, Miles, Clifford and Eyre did well. There were 6,000 spectators.