

SEVEN AGAINST LUTON.

Newport's Clever Combination.

FRASER'S ARM BROKEN

(By CRUSADER).

LUTON TOWN failed badly again in their away game with NEWPORT COUNTY on Saturday, and the Somerton Park contingent thoroughly deserved their victory. At no period of the game did the Luton team touch their best, either individually or collectively, and while the forwards were well held by the home defence, the halves and backs could not keep in check the skilful attacks of the "Ironsides" forwards, who were very fast and tricky, and received splendid support from their middle line. Indeed, it was largely due to the fast and thoughtful work of the home middle men, and their ability to pass accurately, that put the County three goals ahead in 16 minutes.

The Town goal had a couple of narrow escapes before this, for a shot from Thomas hit the upright and ran across goal before coming out, while Abbott made some good saves. Maidment also did well to keep out two efforts by Ramage and Woods, but the County were playing so well together that they were always potential scorers.

GITTENS opened their account after clever work by Thomas. PICK dribbled half the length of the field for the second, and WATERSTON got the third with a fast shot after more good work by the Newport left wing pair. Immediately after this the Town scored through RENNIE, after a free kick by Black had hit the bar. The County had the better of the game to the interval, when they led by 3-1.

On the restart the Town showed some little improvement, but in a speedy dash by the home right the ball came across to HARPER, who dribbled in and shot a clever goal. Then Fraser, the Town left-half, had the misfortune to get his left arm fractured in a collision, and was taken to hospital. Plucky efforts by the Town should have brought goals, but they were beaten back, and then from another run by Harner a fine goal was headed by WATERSTON. The Town came again, and WOODS scored while the County were appealing for offside against Nunn.

The County soon restored the four goals' lead, Harner dashing through to centre, and WATERSTON netting, while a little later GITTENS ran clean through to get the seventh goal seven minutes from the end.

The Town team were right off form, and apart from Abbott there was no player who could claim to be better than his colleagues. Try as they would, they could do nothing right, and they were never well together, the halves especially failing.

Newport were a compact, fast and intelligent combination, and fully deserved their victory.

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LUTON TOWN 2

NEWPORT.—Maidment: Anderson. Hinon: Richardson, Bowsher, Pugh: Harper, Gittens, Waterston, Thomas, Pick.

LUTON.—Abbott: Richards, Till; Black, Ramage, Fraser; Pointon, Yardley, Rennie, Woods, Nunn.

Referee.—Mr. R. G. Rudd, Willesden.