

every opportunity to show their worth. They are playing fine football, even with little experience of each other's play, and when they get settled down, the football should be good enough to attract a crowd of at least 12,000 every week. All are very happy together, and there is no grouching, but every man puts all he has into it, and this has helped us to start so well.

MITTELL may not be the perfect goalkeeper, but he has at least showed that he has plenty of courage, and his daring challenges to opposing forwards were successful in both games. I like the way he judges the situation when the backs are being beaten, for he loses no time in coming out. He does not wait in goal. He has a big punt, and a fairly sure pair of hands, and I think in due course he will give complete satisfaction. Kingham has never played better in any two games in his career. His foot and head work alike have been brilliant, and his tackling as judicious as could be imagined. In the match at Northampton he had a heavy share of the work consequent upon the injury to Gibson, and in the Monday match he had to take some part for Mackey, who was lacking training.

GIBSON had his critics at Northampton, but few knew that he was playing under great difficulties, and in a lot of pain every time he went for the ball. Mackey was not so safe as we should have liked to see, but then it must be borne in mind that he has missed a good deal of training, and had no ball practice. We had a few glimpses of that old daring and dash, and when he has settled down again I am sure the defence will be all right. At half there could be no fault found. McGinnigle played as well as ever, tireless and persistent, particularly in defence, and the fact that he prevented either of two clever centre-forwards from scoring was sufficient tribute.

FRED KEAN was very unfortunate in both matches. In the first half, at Northampton, a nail came through his boot, and had to be removed, and during the second half a similar mishap befell him and caused his temporary retirement from the field. On Monday night he had a worse accident, for he kicked the hard ground, and the result was a badly swollen ankle. He had to leave the field again, and could not return. In each match he has shown all his old skill, and been a potent factor in the success of the right wing. Fraser played as well as ever, but in both

At Luton, on Monday.

LUTON TOWN 2
CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1

Scorers for Luton:—RENNIE, TAIT.

Scorer for Charlton:—BLACKWELL.

LUTON.—Mittell; Kingham, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Pease, Martin, Tait, Rennie, Pearson.

CHARLTON.—Wright (A.); Ivill, Oakes; Harris, Jobling, Pugsley; Kenyon, Yardley, Pearce, Blackwell, Hobbs.

Referee.—Mr. S. F. Rous, Hemel Hempstead.

AT HOME on Monday night, 12,000 saw the second victory, and this time the victims were the side that is to make a big bid to get back to the upper class—Charlton Athletic. This, also, was a splendid game, and very much on the lines of that at Northampton, for after a very even game in the first half, the Town gave a nifty per cent. better display, and it was during this improvement that they scored the winning goal. Towards the end, however, they had to defend desperately to keep out the visitors.

WE saw a characteristic goal from **ANDY RENNIE**, to give the Town the lead after 13 minutes' play, during which Charlton, if not having so much of the ball, had shown great determination, and had played a fast and open game that often had the Town defenders anxious. Following this goal came the equaliser, scored by **BLACKWELL**, with a long shot, at which Mittell, dazzled by the splendour of the sun, threw himself in vain—probably too late. The ball bounced in front of him and he missed it, and so the teams crossed over on level terms.

AGAIN we saw brilliant play on the Town right wing in the second period, and as a result of the enterprise of Pease, and the craft of Martin, the winning goal came from **TAIT**. There were many other efforts that were equally deserving, especially from Rennie, whose shooting, though not so frequent as we would like, was something like his best in the season he headed the League goal-scorers. Twice he had tremendous cracks that hit defenders and rebounded, and had the other inside forwards been capable of shooting as accurately, there would have been less fear of another equaliser in the great effort that Charlton made in the last few minutes, after Kean had departed owing to an injury to the ankle when he kicked the ground.

BOTH games were remarkably clean, and this in spite of the fact that the great heat was a severe test upon the stamina of the players. Everybody enjoyed the tussles, and the large number of followers who went to Northampton were amply rewarded for the journey. At any rate, many of them made plenty of noise when returning to Luton. The players, also, were well satisfied, and the Chairman and other members of the Board warmly congratulated them on the result.

IT is not nice to compare old and new players, and I am not going to do so, at least, not until the new men have had