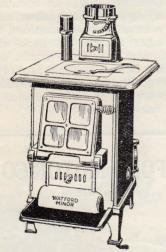


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points away from Vicarage Road.

We must not overlook the fact that Luton defeated Brentford on Saturday last to the tune of 5 goals to 2, and in no way do we under-estimate the ability of our opponents and the stiffness of our task in to-day's game. We shall try to the last ounce, and given our fair share of luck, we think we shall prove victorious by just the necessary margin. We are unfortunate to have Groom and Fuller away through injuries, but Morris and Jewitt are very capable understudies, and we feel sure that when the final whistle is blown we shall possess those two coveted points.

We must not forget to congratulate Luton on their splendid victory last week, and we extend to them our very best wishes in their struggles

against other opponents.

### Hard Luck, Watford!

Saturday's game at Shepherd's Bush was one of the keenest games one could wish to see. It was a real ding-dong battle from start to finish, and after the Rangers had secured the lead in the second half, we do not deny that they were then the better side, and it was during this period that we saw Slade and Davison, who had been promoted to the first team, defending in first-class style. We do not think we ought to have returned pointless, and the officials of Queens Park Rangers were the first to admit we fully deserved to share the spoils.

We opened the scoring with the best goal of the match—a beautiful touch line run and dribble by Daniels, then a glorious centre, Hills placed his head to the ball and Mr. Goalkeeper was left hopeless. We were, however, not able to enjoy the lead for long, as Swan equalised matters after Goddard had only partially headed the ball, and half time arrived all square, one each.

The ding-dong battle re-commenced, and midway through this half Swan lobbed the ball towards goal, a very simple-looking affair, and Yates stooped to gather the ball, but somehow or other he let it slip through his grasp and left it on the goal line. Ere Davison could get his foot behind the ball to prevent it entering the net, Goddard arrived on the scene and the ball scrambled into our goal—a piece of bad luck for our side. Yates had saved far better shots during the game than either of those which registered goals for the Rangers, and he must have felt very grieved about this second goal, for, to use the words of the Rangers' Directors, it was an absolute gift. We set about trying to get the equaliser, and were most unfortunate on at least two occasions, firstly, when the goalkeeper fell on his back with the ball underneath him in the goal mouth, and secondly, when Groom centred on to the face of the crossbar with the goalkeeper out of position and well beaten, so we had to retire defeated by 2 goals to 1, but not disgraced.

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#### How they Played

Yates, in goal, did some masterly things, and made quite a number of really good saves, but we do think he was at fault on each occasion the Rangers scored. Our backs were a really brilliant pair, and we were pleased to see them cover each other time and again as the game progressed. It would be unfair and unwise to say one played better than the other, for as a pair they fitted into each other's style of play to perfection, their kicking, tackling and judgment being splendid throughout. We might add further that they never put a foot wrong during the whole of the game, and we do hope they will give us a repetition of this display in to-day's game against Luton.

Our halves played very satisfactorily up to a point, and if anything the spoils of this trio must go to Frank Smith. The forward line was rather The left wing, Daniels and Sheppard, ragged. were about the best wing on view during the afternoon. Daniels especially treated us to a really fine exhibition of wing-play. He tricked his half-back and back time and again, and his centring of the ball was all that could be desired. Sheppard was always there to give Daniels those forward passes he needs to bring the best out of him, and Groom tried hard enough, but lacks experience. He received a very nasty kick on the ankle midway through the second half. Warner had a very bad match; in fact, nothing he attempted came off, and throughout the game he did nothing really worthy of note. It is a long time since we saw Warner have such a bad match, and Hills naturally suffered in consequence. Still, we should like to see Hills go into the fray with a bigger heart, then his play would improve a hundred per cent.

#### Reserves' Good Win

Our Reserve side defeated Queens Park Rangers on Saturday last by 3 goals to 0, and so won their second game in the London Combination.

There was never much doubt as to the actual result, as our boys always appeared on top. Jewitt scored our first goal after H. Howe, who by the way is an Apsley lad, and has signed amateur forms, had given the goalkeeper a very warm handful. Bound scored the second goal from a penalty, and Foster added the third and last goal. Taking the game all through, we fully deserved to win. Hewitt played a very fine game between the sticks, and the backs were very sound. The half back line was rather patchy, and the forward line played fairly well. H. Howe did very well indeed on his first appearance in Senior football, and Foster and Jewitt played exceptionally well throughout. Wilbourn, in his new role as an inside forward, did himself full justice.

#### Frank Smith's Benefit

We are still waiting to announce the date of Frank Smith's Benefit Match, but up to the time of going to press we have not been able to definitely fix up with a really good side.

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