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THERE is no mistake about the prospects of the team for the Season 1906-7, provided that Dame Fortune again sees fit to smile upon the club. Ever since the dread necessity of seeking re-election in 1905, the directors in an admirable optimism took the bull by the horns and secured a really class team, and the silver lining to the dark cloud then appeared. Can it be wondered at that the average takings of the "gate" were well over £100 last season? It once again proved the fact that the boldest course is the wisest in the long run, and as confidence begets confidence, so the proof of the enterprise of the committee secured the response of the public. Perhaps a greater measure of support at several matches was expected, but taken on the whole the attendances compare very favourably with towns of a similar population.

With such a restricted area the support accorded the club was of a generous character and proves the enthusiastic nature of the inhabitants of the district. The success of the club in finishing fourth on the Southern League table was reminiscent of the early days of the competition, when Luton figured very near the top. But what of the future? That concerns us most just now and the majority of the enthusiasts are eagerly anticipating the advent of the notable First of September. The signing on of the whole of the team has given great satisfaction to the supporters, and if the same amount of consistency in form is witnessed there should be a bright future for the club.

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ed for the patrons of the game. If the improvements are not effected as speedily as some anticipate, it is only due to the careful nature of the directorate who emulate other bodies in football in that they are "slow but sure" These innovations will come and then the ground will be one of the best appointed in the south.

It should be mentioned that the team has been strengthened, and although Blackett has gone to Leicester Fosse, his place will no doubt be well filled by J. Hogg, of Middlesborough. Other new men are A. Gittins, B Jackson, (Atherton Church House), A Jones, (Middlesborough), and J. Schofield, (Stockport County) and surely these players will add interest to the various games. Many of them are locally unknown, but the wisdom of the Town committee cannot be questioned when it comes to the idea of unearthing talent. It really means that two good professional teams can be put into the field without any extra effort, and a safeguard is effected against accidents, which come when least expected.

But there is another prospect opening up which is very encouraging. This more particularly applies to the growth of the town. The position of the ground is close to that section of the town which is growing up very rapidly. By and bye it will be very central for the working-class population for which houses are being built. The club is bound to grow in popularity and importance.

Besides the stern struggle of the Southern League competition there is the prospect of a good run in the English Cup. Providing that "good luck" attends Luton in the draw there should be every appearance of a splendid return financially. The past season in this respect was disastrous, but let us hope that brighter days are in view and now that the club is

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exempt from the earlier rounds there may be some better things in store. It would really be too optimistic to expect the Cup to come to Luton, but stranger things have happened. However, long may the Luton Team be successful.



## Luton's New Men.

Although to a large extent curiosity with regards to Luton's team for next season is allayed, yet there will be some feeling of wonderment raised respecting the new importations. To introduce a fresh element into a team savours slightly of doubt. With the advent of the new men eager expectancy will be aroused, but from reports of the class and ambition evinced there can be no shadow of doubt as to the vim and energy which the new men will put into their efforts. A brief review of the new players may be of interest.



## A. Jones

Is a centre half back of good reputation. He was born at Tipton, 1876. Height 5ft 7in. Weight 12st 6lb. He is a most sturdy player and should help to fill a most trying position with credit. He went from Folkestone to the Cameron Highlanders, when he was secured by the West Bromwich Albion. Whilst with this club he developed into a tricky player, using his head with cleverness and judgment. From West Bromwich he proceeded to Middlesborough, and now comes to Luton from that club. It seems strange that Middlesborough should provide so many players for Luton.



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**James Hogg.**

who displaced Blackett in the Middlesborough team for 1905-6 comes to Luton for pretty well the same purpose. He is a fleet-footed back, and learnt his art of defence with the Hibernians, with whom he played four seasons. He stands 5ft. 9in high and turns the scale at 12 stone. He formerly played for Portsmouth and therefore cannot be said to be ignorant of Southern Football. The directors seem satisfied with his capture.

**B. Jackson**

is reputed to be only young and hence has the making of a successful career. With proper care he should develop into a class player, as one of the League teams just missed the opportunity of engaging him from the Atherton Church House team.

**J. Schofield**

comes from the captaincy of the Stockport, County team to play at outside right. He was with Manchester United before going to Stockport and the reputation he earned there was that he was the best outside right they had seen.

**A. Gittins**

hails from Atherton, the same team as Jackson, and his help should strengthen the team. He is young and willing.

It will be seen that Luton possesses a number of strong players and a hopeful outlook is thus afforded the supporters for the season 1906-7. With judicious management and a strict regard to the proprieties of the sport the popularity of the club should grow quite as much as the town.



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### LUTON TOWN FIRST XI FIXTURES.

1906.				For	Agst.
Sept. 1	Queen's Pk. Rangers	S L	h		
" 5	Brighton & Hove	U L	a		
" 8	Fulham	S L	a		
" 10	Watford	U L	h		
" 15	Southampton	S L	h		
" 19	Watford	U L	a		
" 22	West Ham	S L	a		
" 24	Brighton & Hove	U L	h		
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	S L	h		
Oct. 1	New Brompton	U L	a		
" 6	Swindon	S L	a		
" 8	Crystal Palace	U L	h		
" 13	Norwich City	S L	h		
" 15	Leicester Fosse	F	h		
" 20	Bristol Rovers	S L	a		
" 22	Leyton	U L	h		
" 27	Crystal Palace	S L	a		
Nov. 1	Norwich City	U L	a		
" 3	Brentford	S L	h		
" 5	New Brompton	U L	h		
" 10	Millwall	S L	a		
" 12	Norwich City	U L	h		
" 17	Leyton	S L	h		
" 24	Portsmouth	S L	a		
Dec. 1	New Brompton	S L	h		
" 8	Plymouth	S L	a		
" 10	Hastings & St. Lens.	U L	h		
" 15	Brighton & Hove	S L	h		
" 22	Reading	S L	a		
" 25	Watford	S L	h		
" 26	Northampton	S L	h		
" 29	Queen's Pk R.	S L	a		





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1907				For	Ag't.
Jan.	5	Fulham.	S L	<i>h</i>	
"	12	F. A. Cup.			
"	19	Southampton.	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	24	Leyton.	U L	<i>a</i>	
"	26	West Ham.	S L	<i>h</i>	
Feb	2	Tottenham Hotspur	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	6	Hastings & St. Lens.	U L	<i>a</i>	
"	9	Swindon	S L	<i>h</i>	
"	13	Crystal Palace	U L	<i>a</i>	
"	16	Norwich City	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	23	Bristol Rovers	S L	<i>h</i>	
Mar.	2	Crystal Palace	S L	<i>h</i>	
"	9	Brentford	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	16	Millwall	S L	<i>h</i>	
"	23	Leyton	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	29	Watford	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	30	Portsmouth	S L	<i>h</i>	
Apr.	1	Northampton	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	6	New Brompton	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	13	Plymouth	S L	<i>h</i>	
"	20	Brighton & Hove	S L	<i>a</i>	
"	29	Reading	S L	<i>h</i>	

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## LUTON TOWN SECOND XI FIXTURES.

				For	Agst.
1906					
Sept. 1	Maidstone United	sel	a		
" 8	Watford	sel	h		
" 15	Hitchin	sel	a		
" 22	Hastings & St. Len.	sel	h		
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	sel	a		
Oct. 6					
" 13	Norwich City	sel	a		
" 20	Woolwich Arsenal	sel	h		
" 27	Sittingbourne	sel	h		
Nov. 3					
" 10	Northampton	f	h		
" 17	Leyton	sel	a		
" 24	Hitchin	sel	h		
Dec. 1	Chelsea	sel	a		
" 8	Maidstone United	sel	h		
" 15	Brighton & Hove	sel	a		
" 29	Queen's Pk. Rangers	sel	h		
1907					
Feb. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	sel	h		
" 9	Page Green Old Boys	f	a		
" 16	Norwich City	sel	h		
" 23	Woolwich Arsenal	sel	a		
Mar. 2	Watford	sel	a		
" 9	Chelsea	sel	h		
" 23	Leyton	sel	h		
Apl. 1	Sittingborne	sel	a		
" 6	Page Green Old Boys	f	h		
" 13	Queen's Pk. Rangers	sel	a		
" 20	Brighton & Hove	sel	h		
" 27	Hastings & St. Lens	sel	a		

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## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.



Club.	Goals				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For Agt. Pt.
Fulham ...	34...	19...	3...	12...	44...15...50
Southampton ...	34...	19...	8...	7...	58...39...45
Portsmouth ...	34...	17...	8...	9...	61...35...43
LUTON ...	34...	17...	10...	7...	64...40...41
Tottenham Hotspur	34...	16...	11...	7...	46...29...39
Plymouth Argyle	34...	16...	11...	7...	52...33...39
Norwich City ...	34...	13...	11...	10...	46...38...36
Bristol Rovers ...	34...	15...	14...	5...	56...56...35
Brentford ...	34...	14...	13...	7...	43...52...35
Reading ...	34...	12...	13...	9...	53...46...33
W. Ham United	34...	14...	15...	5...	42...39...33
Millwall ...	34...	11...	12...	11...	38...42...33
Queen's Pk. Rangers	34...	12...	15...	7...	58...44...31
Watford ...	34...	8...	16...	10...	38...57...26
Swindon ...	34...	8...	17...	9...	31...52...25
Brighton & Hove	34...	9...	18...	7...	30...55...25
New Brompton	34...	7...	19...	8...	20...62...22
Northampton ...	34...	8...	21...	5...	32...79...21

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## UNITED LEAGUE.

Club.	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	For	Agt	Pts
Watford	...18...	13...	1...	4...	49...	15...	30
Crystal Palace	...18...	13...	4...	1...	51...	21...	27
Leyton	...18...	8...	6...	4...	33...	31...	20
LUTON TOWN	...18...	7...	7...	4...	47...	27...	18
Clapton Orient	...18...	5...	5...	8...	24...	27...	18
Swindon Town	...18...	7...	8...	3...	33...	29...	17
Brighton & Hove	...18...	6...	8...	4...	28...	28...	16
New Brompton	...18...	7...	9...	2...	26...	27...	16
Grays United	...18...	4...	12...	2...	21...	64...	10
Southern United	...18...	3...	13...	2...	21...	64...	8

## South-Eastern League. FIRST DIVISION.

Club	Goals						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agt.	Pts.
Woolwich Arsenal	...24...	21...	3...	0...	91...	26...	42
Tottenham Hotspur	...24...	19...	3...	2...	85...	19...	40
Queen's Pk. Rangers	...24...	14...	3...	7...	54...	33...	35
Leyton	...24...	13...	7...	4...	56...	42...	30
Maidstone United	...24...	12...	10...	2...	51...	51...	26
Brighton & Hove	...24...	11...	10...	3...	51...	33...	25
LUTON TOWN	...24...	11...	11...	2...	56...	54...	24
Hitchin Town	...24...	8...	12...	4...	53...	65...	20
Hastings & St. Leonards	24...	8...	14...	2...	65...	80...	18
Chelsea	...24...	8...	15...	1...	55...	60...	17
Watford	...24...	7...	14...	3...	29...	49...	17
Grays United	...24...	4...	16...	4...	41...	86...	12
Eastbourne	...24...	1...	19...	4...	36...	125...	6



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### DIVISION 1.

Club	Goals				
	P	W	L	D	For Agt.Pts.
Liverpool	38...	23...	10...	5...	79...46...51
Preston N. E.	38...	17...	8...	13...	54...39...47
Sheffield Wed.	38...	18...	12...	8...	63...52...44
Newcastle United	38...	18...	13...	7...	74...48...43
Manchester City	38...	19...	14...	5...	73...54...43
Bolton Wanderers	38...	17...	14...	7...	81...67...41
Birmingham	38...	17...	14...	7...	65...59...41
Aston Villa	38...	17...	15...	6...	72...56...40
Blackburn Rovers.	38...	16...	14...	8...	54...52...40
Stoke	38...	16...	15...	7...	54...55...39
Everton	38...	15...	16...	7...	70...66...37
Woolwich Arsenal	38...	15...	16...	7...	62...64...37
Sheffield United	38...	15...	17...	6...	57...62...36
Sunderland	38...	15...	18...	5...	61...70...35
Derby County	38...	14...	17...	7...	39...58...35
Notts. County	38...	11...	15...	12...	55...71...34
Bury	38...	11...	17...	10...	57...74...32
Middlesborough	38...	10...	17...	11...	56...71...31
Notts. Forest	38...	13...	20...	5...	58...79...31
Wolverhampton W.	38...	8...	23...	7...	58...99...23

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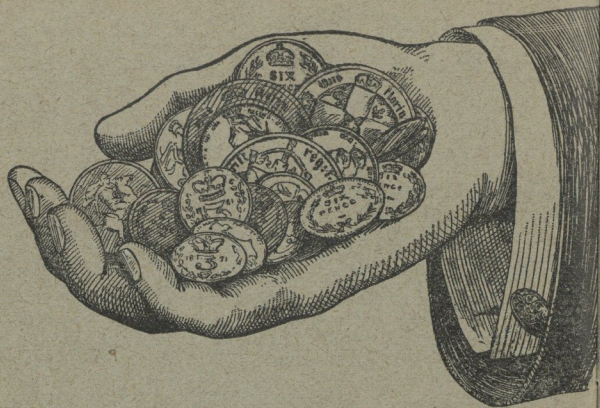
## DIVISION 2.

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agt.	Pts.	Goals
Bristol City ...	38	30	2	6	83	28	66	
Manchester United ...	38	28	4	6	90	28	62	
Chelsea ...	38	22	7	9	90	37	53	
W. Bromwich Albion ...	38	22	8	8	79	36	52	
Hull City ...	38	19	13	6	67	54	44	
Leeds City ...	38	17	12	9	59	47	43	
Leicester Fosse ...	38	15	11	12	53	48	42	
Grimsby Town ...	38	15	13	10	46	46	40	
Burnley ...	38	15	15	8	42	53	38	
Stockport County ...	38	13	16	9	44	56	35	
Bradford City ...	38	13	17	8	46	60	34	
Barnsley ...	38	12	17	9	60	62	33	
Lincoln City ...	38	12	20	6	69	72	30	
Blackpool ...	38	10	19	9	37	62	29	
Gainsboro Trinity ...	38	12	22	4	44	57	28	
Glossop ...	38	10	20	8	49	71	28	
Burslem P.V. ...	38	12	22	4	49	82	28	
Chesterfield ...	38	10	20	8	40	72	28	
Burton United ...	38	10	22	6	34	67	26	
Clapton Orient ...	38	7	24	7	35	78	21	





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The impetus given to junior football cannot be estimated and the League has proved and continues to prove its usefulness as an auxiliary to the greater and more influential clubs. One has only to look at the ranks of the Luton Town Football Club to find examples of its utility. Such being the case it is necessary that all encouragement should be given the Junior League in its working. At the present time it consists of three divisions, and by this means caters for every grade of junior, though it has been freely stated that some of the registered and recognised players have passed that age of juvenility which entitles them to this grade of





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football. The coming season is the ninth, and the lack of accommodation for playing keeps back many clubs from becoming very active. It is no new thing to find the Moor in the New Bedford Road utilised, and it speaks well for the discipline of the players for they unvariably with few exceptions accept the ruling of the referee during the game.

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The attempt was successful and although only 21 clubs joined in that season, as the playing period was more than half gone, yet the nucleus of the present strong Association was formed. Mr. Frank Ebbs was elected as the first secretary, a position which he occupied until the annual meeting of 1901 when owing to the demands of business and the growing importance of the Association work, he was obliged to relinquish his duties and the mantle fell upon the present occupant, Mr. G. Wistow Walker. The present time finds the number of clubs quadrupled and this is largely owing to the work of the hon. sec., whose position is no sinecure. So much for the past. Now a word as to the future prospects.

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to. The objects may be briefly described as the encouragement of the game from all points of view, the suppression of viciousness, the cultivation of the best spirit of sport, and the general elevation in the eyes of the public. The report of the Secretary at the last annual meeting was sufficient to prove that these ideals have always been kept in the foreground and the very few cases of players being "ordered off" for ungentlemanly conduct amply justifies the Association in sticking to their guns and assisting in the education and elevation of the masses. Of all the clubs only one is a professional organisation, so that in keeping with the rest of the country purely amateurism is encouraged.

At the last annual meeting held in May an attempt was made to restrict the entries for the County Cup Competition to amateur clubs only. This would have meant the exclusion of the amateur players who figure with the Luton Town F.C. but this attempt was defeated. It is true by only a narrow majority of one, but the principle of the encouragement of football was maintained and the popularity of the game upheld.

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" 2.	" E. Humphreys, (Bedford)
" 3.	" D. T. Dockrill, (Luton)
" 4.	" C. Green, (Luton)
" 5.	" J. H. Scott, (Luton)
" 6.	" T. V. Donelan, (Luton)

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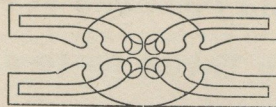
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## **Tradesmen's Cup Competition.**

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The Tradesmen's Cup Competition is the latest development of football organization in Bedfordshire and was really initiated for the purpose of promoting football amongst the Early Closers and tradespeople in Luton for Wednesdays. The idea, which was that of the present chairman, Mr. T. V. Donelan, soon caught on and a good band of workers speedily set to work to organize the movement. Only one season has passed and it could hardly be expected that everything would be in applepie order, but the spirit exhibited in accepting decisions upon the rendering of the rules of the competition speaks well for the success of it. From the very start the Luton Town F.C. has been most considerate and the old Luton Charity Cup, which was lying stored away, has been brought into the daylight and used for the competition. And the objects for which the cup was started have not been forgotten. Although the expenses were heavy yet medals were generously given by Mr. Donelan and the competition, and a small amount was allocated for charitable purposes. The admirable start has encouraged the committee to still continue and several fresh clubs of tradesmen and their employees will be in evidence during the coming season.

The Balance Sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £45 11s. 7½d. and that the Town Club received £24 7s. 3d., as their share according to rule for the use of the ground on the occasions of the matches. At the Annual Meeting a rule was amended for the purpose of restricting the qualification to Wednesday players, so that no player taking part in Saturday League Football can be eligible for the competition. No doubt during the season this will remove difficulties that cropped up in the first season and obviate unpleasantness.



September 1<sup>st</sup>  
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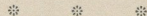


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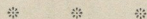
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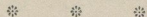
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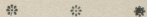
"Tiny" Joyce stands 6 ft. and weighs 16 st.



The height of the English Cup, without pedestal,  
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The entries for the F. A. Cup for 1906-7 have the  
record total of 305. The list includes the names of  
81 clubs that did not enter the previous season, and  
Cornwall is represented by Torpoint in the entries  
for the first time.



Stevenson remains in the ranks of Millwall.



Atherton, the Middlesborough winger, will play  
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McNaught, who has distinguished himself as forward for Heart of Midlothian, the winners of the Scottish Cup, has gone to Aston Villa.

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The sensation of the close season was the report by the F. A. upon the malpractices in connection with Manchester City F. C. Drastic sentences involving no less than 17 players and four officials, culminating in the imposition of £900 in fines, were recorded.

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The English Cup competition was financially beneficial to the following clubs :-

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The United League finished up its First Season with a balance of £64 16s. 10d. a splendid record for such an organization.

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Watford won the Championship of the United League.

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Crystal Palace came out at the top of the Second Division of the Southern League.

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J. Blackett was obliged to sign for Luton Town but was soon transferred to Leicester Fosse for a transfer fee of £75 and a friendly match at Luton.

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Four Southern Referees will officiate in the Football League next Season. They are:—Messrs S. R. Carr, N. Whittaker, A. Millward and C.C. Fallowfield.

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Goal area :- 6 yards from each goal post, 6 yards from goal line, forms oblong 20 yards by 6 yards.

Penalty area :- 18 yards from each goal post, 18 yards from goal line, oblong 44 yards by 18 yards.

Penalty mark opposite middle of goal, 12 yards from it. Ball not less than 27 inches, nor more than 28 inches round widest part.

Law 2. Game lasts 90 minutes. Toss for kick-off or choice of ends. In kickoff ball must go forward, opponents outside centre circle. If not kicked forward must be taken again.

Law 3. Change ends at halftime, 5 minutes' interval. After goal is scored losers pickoff.

Law 4. Goal scored when the ball has passed between the goal posts under the cross bar, in accordance with rules.



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Law 5. When ball is in touch, opposite side throw in at same spot as it went out. Thrower-in must have some part of both feet on line, ball thrown over head with both hands. No goal from throw in, must touch another player.

Law 6. Offside rule. Player is onside if (1) an opponent next plays the ball; (2) he is behind the ball when it is played by one of his own side; (3) he has 3 opponents between him and their goal line when the ball is played by one of his own side further from his opponents' goal than himself. Offside depends on the player's position when the ball was last played. No offside from a corner kick or goal kick. Corner kick ends immediately the ball is played by a second player. Ball striking goal post, crossbar or corner flag does not put a player onside.

Law 7. In goal kick ball can be kicked in any direction. Must not remove corner flag in taking corner kick.

Law 8. Goalkeeper can play the ball with his hands in his own half of field. Must not carry the ball more than 2 steps, either long or short. Must not bounce on the hand. Change of goalkeeper must be notified to referee or penalty may be given. Goalkeeper must not be charged unless he is holding the ball, or obstructing an opponent, or outside goal area. Free kick only given against goalkeeper for carrying, not penalty.

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Law 10. Six yards from the ball at free kick. Ball must roll over at least 27 inches before touched again. Must have a second player touch it. Free kick ball can be kicked in any direction.

Law 11. Goal may be scored from free kick if law 9 is broken. No second player needed.

Law 12. No outstanding nails, metal plates, projections or gutta percha to be used on boots or shin guards. Bars or studs not more than half-an-inch may be used on boots. Bars transverse and flat. Studs round, not conical or pointed, half-an-inch across. Player sent off for illegal boots not allowed to return if the game has started. Referee may examine boots if asked.

Law 13. Referee must enforce laws, settle disputed points, Decision final. Must keep record of the game and act as timekeeper. For ungentlemanly behaviour caution first time, send off second. Violent conduct no caution needed. Names must be reported to the F.A. or local F.A. within three days.

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Law 14. Two Linesmen. Duties to decide when ball is out of play, who is to have corner kick, or throw in (subject to referee). Must help referee. If neutral call

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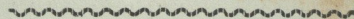
Law 15. Play to go on until whistle sounds. Game dead as soon as whistle is blown.

Law 16. Play suspended referee throws the ball down where it was when stopped. Must touch the ground before being played. If goes into touch or over goal line throw down again.

Law 17. If laws 5, 6, 8, 10 or 16 broken free kick given to opposite side at spot where it happened. If Law 9 is broken in penalty area, penalty kick must be given. Following are the offences :- tripping, kicking, jumping, handling, pushing, holding, violent charging in back. All players outside penalty area except kicker and opponent's goalkeeper. Goalkeeper must not advance beyond his goal line. Ball must be kicked forward if not free kick given to other side. Kicker not to play the ball again until second player has played it.



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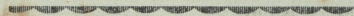
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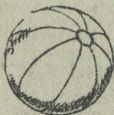
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