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LIVERPOOL v. PRESTON NORTH END. This important League fixture was decided at Deepdale, before 6000 spectators. The result of the match had a considerable bearing on the ultimate position of the contending clubs, and both eides were strongly represented. The teams were as follows: --Lissarpool: Perkins, goal; A. Goldie and Dunlop, backs; Wilson, Raisbeek, and W. Goldie, half-backs; Robertson, Walker, Raybould, Satterthwaite, and Cox, forwards. Preston North End: M'Bride, goal; Dunn and Orrell, backs; Recleston, M'intyre, and Elliott, half-backs; Murray, Smith, Stevenson, Whittle, and Henderson, forwards. Liverpool started, and Oox missed a grand opening owing to Dunn missing his kick. North End attacked strongly, and Perkins had to save from Stevenson, whilst after severe pressure Goldie relieved with a timely kick. Raybould raced away, and tested M'Bride with a fast, low shot, but the home forwards were quickly busy in the visitors' quarters again, where Raisbeck rushed in and sheeked an ugly rush. North End were very aggressive, and Perkins saved brilliantly from Smith and Stevenson. This led to the Liverpool forwards retaliating strongly, and the home goal was jeopardised, M'Bride having several difficult abots to clear. interval drew near, the home forwards tried hard to open the score, but the defence of Liverpool was excellent, and prevented disaster. Resuming after half-time, play was even for some time, both custodians being called upon. The home forwards again here down on the Liver-pool goal, and Perkins saved from Stevenson, whilst Murray's centre was mulled by Henderson. At length a sudden rush by the Liverpool left enabled Satterthwaite to send in a low shot, and M'Bride falling as he was in the act of olearing, the ball was rushed into the net. Two minutes later, after smart passing between Robertson and Walker, the former centred, and Raybould scored the second goal. Satter-thwaite was then badly injured, and had to be carried off the field, whilst a moment later Orrell had to leave. North End played one back, but at length Cox succeeded in eluding Ecoleston, and with a hard drive put on the third goal. North End were now well beaten, but had hard lines in not scoring from a free kick. Close on time North End were awarded a penalty, and Handerson snored. Result-Liverpool, 5 goals; Preston North End, 1.

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