

ANOTHER DRAW WITH ILFORD.

The match with Ilford on Monday had also been postponed. It formed the second of the two encounters between the teams, the first meeting at Ilford having ended in the rout of the Lutonians by three goals to one. It will be remembered that that game was of an unpleasant nature, Galbraith being off the field during a considerable portion of the game. On Monday Ilford were without Parkins, Gallon and Markham, the places of these men being filled by Reserves. The team was as follows:—Goal, W. R. Cosburn; backs, J. O. Drummond and J. H. Porter; half-backs, C. D. Regan, H. G. Watts and S. Craig; forwards, E. C. Porter and A. C. Linard (right), A. Graham (centre), J. C. King and Thompson (left). The Luton team was composed exactly similarly to that of Saturday. The referee was Mr. Saywell (Chatham), and the linesmen were Messrs. E. Walsh (Luton) and E. Markland (Ilford).

The day was brilliantly fine and the turf in excellent condition, so that all the conditions were favourable. At the outset there was not a very large attendance, but later on the numbers increased until there was quite a respectable crowd. Considerable annoyance was occasioned by the late arrival of the visitors. The game had been

announced to commence at 4 o'clock, and it was just about that time when the Ilford men trooped into the pavilion. The referee and the Luton team came on the field a quarter of an hour later, and when the crowd began to express their impatience at the delay in no half-hearted fashion Mr. Saywell went in quest of the strangers. Some minutes elapsed before the first of the "blue and whites" came on, and it was close on half-past 4 when a start was made. This is by no means blamable to the local authorities; the Ilford men are entirely responsible for an unpardonable proceeding.

Luton won the toss and played uphill, this requiring Ilford to face the sun. For a time the visitors had only 10 men, Drummond being the only back. At the outset repeated throws-in along the line enabled the visitors to advance, and a foul against Watkins further improved their position. The eleventh Ilfordian made his advent and at once did some useful work. Craig was justly penalised for pushing Finlayson in the back, and McCrindle sent over the bar. Gallacher was conspicuous for a brilliant run along the touch-line, and then Jack took advantage of a pass from Prentice by forcing a corner. Gallacher obtained a second, and Cosburn was forced to concede a third in negotiating a good "header" from Prentice. The latter had another try with his head from the third corner, and this time Cosburn was beaten, the ball finding its way through. This success was obtained after only five minutes' play, and it was heartily greeted. Following hands against Gallacher the "reds" went up again in force, with the only result that the ball was run out. Gallacher was punished for fouling H. J. Porter, and Regan took a snap-shot which missed by a trifle. Hands against H. Porter led to McCrindle sending between the posts, though unfortunately without the ball touching a second player. The "reds" had a good try from the kick-off; but they could not manage to elude the defence, Drummond being especially conspicuous in this department. The light-haired back did not have matters all his own way, though; at one stage he was floored by Jack, a feat which called forth appreciative laughter and applause. McCrindle was responsible for a splendid low shot; but Galbraith managed to get in the way and spoil the effect. A foul against Ilford led to the home captain sending wide. After a pretty pass by Prentice Jack sent over the line with a mis-kick. Regan was jeered at for a clumsy effort, and Edgar Porter was cheered for a capable run which terminated in a corner being secured, this being unprofitable. Hands against Luton was the next decision of importance, and later on Gallacher gave a further sample of his ability by sending in a beauty which was only kept out with difficulty. Hands against Galbraith was awarded, and once more the Ilford contingent worked their way into the home confines, only to be promptly driven back. Returning to the charge, however, the Essex men showed improved style, and from an attempt by Graham Bee tipped the ball on the net, this necessarily leading to a corner. Another hot one from an Ilfordian foot struck the post. Hands against Howe in mid-field was not dangerous. Luton hereabouts played in a trifle better style, and there was abundance of need for it, for the operations had been exceedingly slow. A period of attacking was noted, though no addition was made to the home total. Drummond was the hero on the Ilford side during this time; he exhibited very fine form, and cleared cleverly more than once. Galbraith did not exactly relish an off-side decision being given against him, and it was apparent that the judgment did not find favour with the crowd, for the referee was saluted with cries of "Play the game, Saywell." Prentice was the sufferer from a foul by Ilford, and thereafter Gallacher sent over the line. The rival sides were penalised in turn, and following a foul against the visitors Jack dispatched a grand attempt at Cosburn, who managed to get the ball over the cross-bar. The corner which accrued was not productive. From a pass by Gallacher Prentice headed by. The first-named put in an exceedingly pretty run in conjunction with Finlayson, and just before the interval Jack missed by a trifle from a pass by Galbraith. The record at half-time was:

Luton, one; Ilford, none.

In the second portion of the game the first noticeable feature was a misfortune which happened to McEwen, that player handling the ball when he had come through exceedingly well. A like decision against Finlayson stemmed the progress of the home quintette when they had got into a good position. A third adverse dictum on the part of Mr. Saywell was in respect of a foul, Galbraith being the culprit. By means of neat short passing the "reds" managed to work their way down, Gallacher finishing up by sending wide. The same player followed with a good effort from the wing. A foul against Ilford led to McEwen placing well, though without the desired result. Jack, after being once stopped for lying off-side, got away and shot fairly well. Prentice pushed an opponent, with the result that he was penalised. A foul against Howe near his own goal brought about the downfall of the home citadel. Regan took the kick and McCrindle assisted the leather through the Luton uprights, thus equalising the totals and presenting a point to the enemy. Prentice once more broke the rules with the usual result, and then from a good shot by Gallacher, Prentice headed wide. A foul against Galbraith and hands against McEwen were chronicled, and later on the Ilfordians remained near the home goal-line for some time, though without being able to better their score. Gallacher ultimately got loose and signalled his success by sending just over. Prentice followed suit, and the same player sent in a hot one from a pass by Galbraith, Cosburn saving at the expense of a corner. A second corner from the other side led to Cosburn being hard pressed. Gallacher was stopped for jumping, and then Drummond managed to get in the way of a hot one by Finlayson. Gallacher struck the post with a stinger, the ball rebounding into play. Hands against the respective sides varied the monotony, and a foul against Luton near goal further varied the proceedings. The visitors followed the example of the homesters in this regard, and when Watkins had sent very wide Galbraith managed to get too far under the ball, the result being that it went soaring skywards. As time drew near the "reds" infused vastly more dash into their display, and once or twice they came within an ace of scoring. Drummond conceded a corner, and narrow misses had to be credited to Gallacher and Prentice in turn. Jack kicked into Cosburn's hands and obtained another corner, the outcome being that the ball was sent over the bar. Try as they would, however, the homesters were unable to effect any alteration in the positions, and thus when the whistle announced the end the scores were:

Luton, one; Ilford, one.