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LUTON v. MILLWALL ATHLETIC.

OLD RIVALS DEFEATED.

Despite the sad decline of the "Dockers" this season, much interest was taken in their visit to Luton on Monday, and Luton had the huge satisfaction of "getting their own back" after several seasons' misfortune. Four points and 6 goals to nil in the two League games last fought should provide some consolation for the sorrows of the past. I hope this will prove the case; but, anyway, Millwall are no longer Luton's bogey.

There were about 1,800 spectators present and the afternoon was very favourable to a good game. Millwall, who were without Whelan, kicked off, and for the first 20 minutes both teams went at it hammer and tongs. It looked much like being one of the tough fights of old, and the pace was sultry. Moore nearly dropped a difficult shot from Gallacher, and Docherty placed the ball beautifully from a foul on Donaldson. A terrific scrimmage followed in the Millwall goal, and everyone thought a lightning cross-shot from Gallacher had scored. During a vigorous bombardment, Stewart struck the post but the ball rebounded and then Coupar converted a hard shot from Little, only to be ruled offside.

Among the home forwards, Donaldson was working like a Trojan and was rather heavily "weighed upon" by his opponents. Robson's heading and "Wiggy" Davis's powerful kicking kept Luton out a little longer, but after '22 minutes' play, Little scored No. 1 with a splendid shot from far out. A few minutes' later, Little nearly repeated this performance and an exciting bully took place near the Millwall goal lines. Meanwhile, Williams had saved a couple of shots, but Luton were all over their opponents and Gallacher narrowly escaped scoring by a brilliant dash. Play slowed down for a bit and Williams suddenly discovered Murphy in front of him, but he managed to save. Half-time score:

LUTON	..	..	..	1 goal
MILLWALL	..	..	..	0 ..

The game had only been re-started 5 minutes when Gallacher electrified the crowd by scoring No. 2 with a shot which Moore never saw. The home team forced a couple of corners and kept Millwall on the defence for some time. McInnes put on a second offside point and Devlin got in a clear run as far as McEwen. From a corner-kick, Stewart appeared to head the ball through, but the referee declined to allow a goal. A couple of rushes were made by the Dockers' forwards, Williams saving skilfully, while the crowd roared as Geddes aimed at the moon. Having a comfortable lead, Luton slackened down, and play was tame to the finish.

LUTON	..	..	..	2 goals
MILLWALL	..	..	..	0 ..

The teams were:

Luton: Williams; McCartney and McEwen; Davis, Stewart, and Docherty; Gallacher, Coupar, Donaldson, Little, and McInnes.

Millwall Athletic: Moore; Robson and Davis; Millar, Morrison, and King; Jones, Calvey, Devlin, Murphy, and Geddes.

Referee: Mr. Dale (Manchester).

NOTES.

It was not a brilliant affair, particularly as regards combination, but it proved that Millwall have now turned "the long lane." For the Dockers, Calvey worked untiringly, and the backs did wonders in defence. As usual, Geddes was only moderate. Gallacher's goal was enthusiastically cheered as completing Luton's first century, our record now standing:—36 played, 22 won, 10 lost, 4 drawn, goals for 100, against 50.

Considering the hard game experienced at Grimsby, the men did wonderfully well, for the pace was a "cracker" for the first half-hour. The Luton right wing again shone brightly, and the defence was splendid, McEwen occasionally showing some of his best form against Jones.