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WOOLWICH ARSENAL v. LUTON.

A NARROW DEFEAT

On form, Luton did fairly well to only lose by a goal's margin at Manor-field, Plumstead, on Monday afternoon, considering that on October 9th last year, we lost on the same ground by 3 goals to nil, this being a Second League fixture. Little interest seemed to be taken in the game, as only 1500 spectators were present. The Luton team mustered in the same order as on Saturday, but the Arsenal made several changes from the eleven that made a draw with Millwall.

Hunt being given another trial in the centre. The teams appeared under Mr. J. C. Tillotson's command as follows:

Woolwich Arsenal: Ord ; Fyfe and M'Connell ; Moir, Dick, and Anderson ; Brock, White, Hunt, Hannah and Mitchell.

Luton: Perkins ; Dow and Moore ; C. Ford, Sharp, and Hewitt ; Durrant, McLanes, Kemplay, W. Ford, and Ekins.

The visitors won the toss and made an even contest of it for a while. The Arsenal forwards were checked several times by Dow, but soon they pressed hard, and after 10 minutes' play Hannah scored for them with a long cross shot. Encouraged by this, the Arsenal attacked with vigour, but their shooting was not true and Perkins was in good form.

From a corner, the Luton forwards became very dangerous, and W. Ford missed a fine chance. For some time, Luton had the best of the game, their play being superior all round. Just before the interval, however, Hunt made a grand individual run and scored No. 2 for his side, the half-time score being :

ARSENAL	..	..	..	2
LUTON	..	..	..	0

The opening of the second half was marked by some very fast play, Ord having to use his hands. Then Fyfe cleared, and the home forwards made a combined attack, and after some pretty passing from Moir to Brock, the latter sent across to Mitchell, who registered the third point for the Arsenal, whose supporters were jubilant. But that Luton were not done with was soon evident. Several fouls occurred which on both sides were accidental. At length, from some smart play in the Arsenal territory, G. Ford sent in a shot that Ord had no chance of stopping, and scored for the visitors ; and a little later McLannes added No. 2 for Luton. Both sides now played up with renewed vigour, and several corners fell to the Arsenal. Each however was unproductive, and nothing further being obtained, the game terminated with the score :

ARSENAL	..	..	..	3
LUTON	..	..	..	2
