



## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

### LUTON TOWN v. MILLWALL ATHLETIC.

#### LUTON GAIN A GRAND VICTORY.

The match with the Dockers had been termed the "match of the season," and had been anticipated with a great deal of interest by the supporters of the Luton club. A shilling was charged for admission, although a large number had procured tickets before hand at sixpence. The weather was anything but promising, although it cleared up as the game proceeded, but the ground was very heavy and in places pools of water were standing on the pitch, and players had great difficulty in keeping their foothold.

However, there were some 2,000 spectators present when the teams turned out exactly as advertised, with the exception that White played vice Holdstock in the home team. Mr. A. R. Partridge, of London, was referee, and he had the following 22 under command:—

Luton: Ord; Lindsay and Street; F. Hawkes, White, and Williams; Durrant, Blessington, Barker, Tierney and Brown.

Millwall: Griffiths; Shutt and Davidson; Caie, Millar, and Henderson; Dryburgh, Bevan, Gettins, Banks and Carnelly.

Millwall won the toss, and Luton kicked off with the wind and rain in their faces. The visitors were the first to get dangerous, but Lindsay cleared and Luton got away on the right and Durrant almost scored in the first minute, but Griffiths saved at the expense of a corner, which proved abortive. The home forwards were playing in fine style, and Brown got across a nice centre but the ball went behind, while at the other end, Carnelly sent in a fine centre from a pass by Gettins, but Dryburgh shot behind. Barker made a good attempt to score, but the ball cannoned off Davidson to Durrant, and the latter shot behind.

A foul against Barker on Millar was futile, and some pretty play by the home forwards deserved a goal, but Millar managed to get the ball away, which Brown shot into Griffiths' hands with a good drive, and the keeper threw away. Brown and Barker each made good attempts to get through, but Griffiths saved well on both occasions, while offside against Gettins was likewise unavailing, as was a foul by Bevan on Williams a moment later. The Millwall forwards now got down, and Ord was given his first save from a good shot from Henderson, while he had to save again from Banks, and Caie shot over. White shot badly from a "free" for a foul on Durrant, and Griffiths had to clear from Lindsay and White, while at the other end Gettins missed an easy opening from a good centre by Banks.

The game was very fast and exciting and the good form displayed by the locals was heartily applauded. The home forwards were giving the Dockers' defenders some anxious moments, but the slippery nature of the turf lost them some good chances. A free-kick for a foul against Luton just outside the penalty line was grandly saved by Ord right under the bar, and at the other end Luton gained two corners, and from the second, Lindsay went up the field in fine style, and Barker sent in a fine shot, which Griffiths saved marvellously. Just before the interval, Durrant hit the post with a grand shot, and in the resulting melee Tierney was badly tripped by Millar inside the penalty line, but the referee ignored Luton's appeal for a penalty, and half time arrived with the score sheet blank.

No Score.

On resuming, Millwall got well away, and Banks almost scored with a fine shot from a pass by Gettins. From the goal-kick, Tierney got away, but his final effort went just wide—very hard lines; while Lindsay well cleared a good shot from Davidson. The home forwards pressed again, and Durrant put across a lovely centre, but Barker failed in his effort to score, and also missed another centre from Hawkes. Blessington made a good effort, but his shot just skimmed the bar, while offside against Brown nullified more pretty play by Durrant. Fouls against each side were futile, while Ord saved from Dryburgh, and Carnelly shot over.

After some 20 minutes' play Durrant secured possession, and putting across a lovely centre, Brown made a dash for goal and beating Griffiths, scored the first goal of the day. Ord had now to save from Dryburgh when close in, but the home team defended well and were quite safe. Lindsay cleared from Banks, and five minutes after the last score, a "free" was awarded Luton for offside against Gettins, from which Tierney scored a grand goal from Street's place-kick.

Luton were soon on the aggressive again, but Davidson relieved, and at the other end the visitors forced three unproductive corners, and a foul against White on Gettins was also unavailing. Ord saved finely on the goal-line from Gettins, while Dryburgh was given offside when in a good position. Play from now to the finish was confined to mid-field, although Griffiths had to give a corner to a good shot from Durrant, which was futile. No more scoring took place, and Luton retired with the victory. Score:

LUTON, 2 goals; MILLWALL, 0.

### NOTES.

The above game was a fine exposition of football, and some excellent combination was witnessed from both teams. The form of the locals was the best they have shown this season, Barker being the only weak player. Luton ought really to have been credited with two more points. For Luton Ord, in goal, played a fine game and never made a mistake. Lindsay was a host in himself and led the visitors' right wing a lively dance, and with Street improving in every match, the pair made two reliable defenders.

The half-backs also played a fine game. F. Hawkes shaped well against Banks. White and Williams were both in good form, and the forwards displayed rare combination. Blessington and Durrant on the right played capably. Barker not at his best on Saturday, but Tierney and Brown on the left both played well, the former's goal being a masterly effort. Brown showed improvement, and made amends for one or two misses by scoring the opening goal.

For the Dockers, Griffiths in goal gave a fine display, showing great agility both in kicking and clearing, and the spectators cordially cheered him for a remarkable save from Barker. At back, Davidson showed a fine turn of speed, and kicked and cleared with good judgment, and was well backed up by Shutt.

At half-back Millar outshone his partner, and did not give Barker many opportunities. "Sandy" Caie played a decent game, as did Henderson. The forwards are fast, but the heavy ground was against them. Gettins does not appear to play such a good game as heretofore, but White and Lindsay attended him closely, and Banks was not very effective. Dryburgh and Bevan on the right made a strong pair. The referee was very fair and the "gate" was good considering the threatening weather, amounting to £59. It is feared that the Millwall club will have to be disbanded at the end of this season, owing to their ground being appropriated for building.

During the Easter holidays, the Luton team have a full programme to get through. Commencing to-day (Thursday), the team play an exhibition game with the Queen's Engineers at Bedford, while on Good Friday the Southern League match with Kettering will be played in the afternoon, and in the morning the Reserves meet the Luton Clarence. On Saturday the return match with Millwall at East Ferry-road will be played, and it only needs a repetition of Saturday's form to ensure victory. The Luton Red Cross Band will accompany the team to London. On Easter Monday the locals meet the Irish Corinthians, an amateur team, during the Easter holidays. For Easter Tuesday negotiations are in progress for fixing up the postponed League fixture with Tottenham. On Wednesday Luton journey to Northampton to play the locals in the United League, while the following Saturday New Brompton will be on view in the Southern League.

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