

LUTON DRAW AT HOME.

On Saturday afternoon Luton were at home to the Queen's Park Rangers in the Southern League. Owing to the luck the team has met with just recently the game was approached by the local supporters with an open mind, hoping for victory, but unsurprised at—well, anything. The game eventually ended in a one goal draw.

The following were the teams:—

LUTON.

Lindsay

Turner

McEwen

F. Hawkes

White

R. Hawkes

Brown

Lamberton

Hunt

Ross

Barnes

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Stewart Murphy Bevan Ronaldson W. Cross

J. Cross

Hitch

Bowman

Newlands

Archer

Howes

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.

Referee, Mr. A. J. Barker.

McEwen won the toss and decided to set the visitors to kick towards the Bury farm goal. The Rangers kicked off and at once made a run down, but Bob Hawkes saved the situation. The ball was taken to the other end, and Barnes gave Ross a fine chance, but the inside left was not up and the back cleared. Mac and Bob cleared a subsequent attack on the right wing, and the ball was placed to Ross, who was fouled by Archer. A corner resulted from this, but White eventually placed just over the bar. The Rangers then made the pace, and Murphy put in a shot which Lindsay saved. The ball was not cleared, and during a subsequent attack Ronaldson put in a good shot and Murphy got out of the way very nicely, and the ball went into the net.

This reverse took place four minutes from the start. Ronaldson received the hearty congratulations of his fellow-players.

Roland Brown received a nice pass from Ross, who tricked several of his opponents, but the outside right placed behind the line of Luton forwards, and the ball was cleared by the backs.

The visitors' right made a run, on the right as the result of a fine passing run, but McEwen kicked out.

Howes then had to clear from a centre by Barnes, who received a fine pass from Lamberton. The ball went to the other end, where Lindsay relieved the pressure, but placed into touch. Lindsay again had to save, and once more the ball was transferred to the other end Barnes shot, and the goalkeeper saved, though Lamberton endeavoured to give Howes a friendly touch into the net.

Ross, following a free-kick for Luton, put in a shot which went just wide of the post. White was fouled again by the Rangers, and there were plenty of injunctions to the Rangers "to play the game."

Bevan had a fine chance of troubling Lindsay, but he was in too great a hurry and placed very wide. Play seemed to relax a bit hereabouts. White fouled Bevan, and the ball was once more brought to the Luton end, but Ross was placed on the run and passed to Barnes, who was just off-side. Hands in the Luton half was next penalised. Fred Hawkes came across to help the defence on the other side of the field, but could only kick out.

Turner headed back to Lindsay and all the Luton goalkeeper could do was to give a corner. The ball was cleared and play was transferred to the other end by means of a fine run by Lamberton. The latter centred too soon and Newlands cleared.

A foul was given against Turner, who charged Stewart in the back when both were going for the ball. Turner's face was hurt and he had to go off the field. Dr. Ross, who was on the grandstand, was called.

In the next few minutes Mac nipped in in the nick of time. One of the Rangers had to leave the field also, so both sides played with 10 men.

The Ranger returned very soon, and completed the visitors' team. Lamberton ran up on the wing, but in attempting to centre the ball struck Newlands and it went out. Howes had next to save from a shot by Bob Hawkes.

have from a side by side.
Luton pressed again, but off-side spoiled the chance, and when the home forwards got the ball it was sent behind. Then a penalty-kick was awarded Luton, and Bob Hawkes took the kick. There was no luck for Luton, for Bob kicked the ground and only just touched the ball and Howe saved.

Turner returned after an absence of 10 minutes, amid applause. Mac cleared the ball just as he appeared, and J. Cross once more put Lamberton through an acrobatic performance, and Roland at the same time kicked wide.

Another foul was given against the Rangers, and there was a good deal of hooting indulged in. A foul throw-in by the Rangers was next noted, and a dirty foul by Bowman was not missed by the referee.

The Luton men's steps were still dogged by ill-luck. Brown beat Newlands and centred from the line, but Barnes headed wide. Bowman deliberately handled the ball.

Ross shot hard, but Barnes, who was off-side, gave the ball a finishing touch, and the referee promptly ruled him off-side.

It appeared to me that one of the Rangers' players other than the goalkeeper fisted the ball out, but the referee failed to notice it and play went on. Turner rushed in and cleared at one end, and Archer at the other very neatly robbed Barnes.

HALF-TIME.

RANGERS	—	—	—	—	1
LUTON ...	—	—	—	—	0

The Red Cross Band enlivened the proceedings at half-time, and they certainly wanted enlivening. When the Luton players returned there was a good round of applause, perhaps giving an indication that after all the spectators had hope.

Ross was hustled off the ball when close up, and the Luton man could only put in a soft shot which went behind. Barnes placed behind from close to the corner-flag.

Archer had to kick out twice, and then White shot just wide, Hitch getting hurt through colliding with White, just as the latter was shooting. A free-kick was given against Luton, and Cross had a chance, but placed wide of the goal.

A foul was then given against Turner for a foul on Stewart, but Newlands placed behind from the free-kick.

Then a bit of luck came to Luton, for from a fine piece of play by Roland the latter centred and Ross scored the equaliser.

Play proved very exciting now, the spectators cheering themselves hoarse. In the attacks on the goal which ensued Lindsay saved marvellously. At the other end Hunt shot just over the bar. One of the Rangers made use of unparliamentary language, and the play was stopped while he apologised.

Luton broke away, but Newlands cleared. Lindsay once more saved grandly, and Turner kicked out from a fine piece of head play by several of the Rangers. The play ruled in mid-field for a time. Roland Brown and Cross showed their paces on the respective wings, but their efforts came to nothing.

Archer headed out from Brown very finely, and

off-side relieved the pressure once more. The
Rangers missed an open goal, Lindsay having run
out to clear.

RESULT:

LUTON	...	...	...	...	1
RANGERS...	...	...	...	...	1

NOTES ON THE GAME.

The following notes on the game are contributed by "Strawopolis":—

The Rangers from Park Royal are always a welcome attraction to Lutonian's, for not only do we meet them in the Southern League tournament, but we have had to fight many a hard Cup-Tie match with them in the English National Competition.

Dame Fortune smiled on us by giving us a delightful sunny afternoon, and naturally a big crowd was present. Although the defeat at Brentford last week dampened the hearts of some of the supporters, there was the recollection in the true supporters' mind of the brilliant display Luton gave against Portsmouth the last time they were at home.

In goal for the Rangers we found Howes, the man who, if I remember rightly, gave us a sensational exhibition at Luton last year, when holding the fort for Brighton. One or two other changes, too, were made from the side that lost the previous Saturday to the Spurs.

There were fully four thousand spectators present when McEwen won the toss and Bevan commenced operations. Luton opened in good style, and Howes soon saved, whilst from a foul against Archer Luton very nearly scored, but only a fruitless corner was the outcome.

The Rangers took the ball to the other end, and Lindsay had to save from a long shot by Murphy, but a minute later Ronaldson, I think it was, got an opening, and with a shot from twenty yards beat Lindsay, the ball going just out of his reach. This was a great disappointment to the crowd.

Play afterwards became very lively, and was particularly fast. The visitors were a very heavy team, and it was astonishing to see the pace of the men. They were somewhat vigorous, too, in their methods.

Luton tried hard to get the equalising goal, and several times called upon Howes to clear shots, but generally speaking Luton seemed over-weighted in a double sense.

The Rangers were certainly playing a capital game, and were having more of the play than Luton, although Howes actually handled the ball more times than Lindsay.

Turner hurt himself in a collision and had to retire for a time, whilst W. Cross, of the visitors, went off for a couple of minutes.

Whilst Turner was off the field the visitors were continually being pulled up for off-side.

Lamberton was fouled just inside penalty area, and when a penalty was given a shout went up, for it was generally expected that Bob Hawkes would equalise.

Breathless excitement prevailed for the moment before Bob took the kick, but somehow Bob appeared to kick the ground before he touched the ball, and instead of seeing a hard drive into the net as we are accustomed to from Bob, the ball only rolled to Howes, who saved easily on the six yards line. It was a great disappointment to Luton, but somehow the locals could do nothing right. They were playing desperately hard, but the long-desired equalising goal seemed a considerable way off.

Luton were having more of the actual play, but there was certainly more danger in the spurts of the visitors, whilst they were showing much vigor in their actions.

McEwen and his confreres were working like Trojans, and off a foul looked like scoring, but Hunt missed possible chances when close in.

A minute later Barnes netted from a pass by Ross, but he was so palpably off-side that it was only called forth a little merriment.

Directly afterwards a centre by Roland Brown might have been turned to account, but Barnes could not properly turn round to get his shot in.

On resuming the second half Luton commenced in a promising fashion, but the Rangers took up the running, and for a time kept the ball in the Luton vicinity, Lindsay having one hot shot to save.

Play was not of a very exhilarating character, and even the plaudits of the crowd could not enliven matters.

Archer's avoirdupois and his huge kicking continually brought him prominently before the eyes of the spectators.

As time went on matters livened up somewhat, but Luton were playing in a very disjointed manner, but the play of Luton was confined too much on the left wing, Lamberton and Brown being onlookers for a time.

Luton eventually got through, and Ross netted the ball right out of the reach of Howes amidst a deafening cheer.

Play afterwards became fast and furious. Once Luton looked like getting through again, but Archer, with a terrific charge on Barnes, "muded" him, and for a few seconds the game had to be stopped.

From now to the close play was of the fastest description, each side working desperately hard to gain the lead.

Twice the Rangers forced fruitless corners, the first occurring from a grand save by Fred Hawkes, and the second from a brilliant save by Lindsay.

The Rangers for a time had a bit the best of the exchanges, but at their end Hunt put in one grand shot that skimmed the bar, whilst White shot yards over.

We had plenty of fun afterwards with excitement galore, and hard knocks were plentiful, whilst the spectators were enthusiastic.

Near the close the Rangers came within an ace of scoring, but just failed, and had to be contented with one point.