

LUTON'S LOSS, MILLWALL'S GAIN.

THE LONDONERS NOW SAFE FROM RELEGATION. 18/3/05

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MILLWALL, 2; LUTON (h), 1.

Several years back, when Millwall and Luton were two of the leading southern clubs, unusual interest was excited in their games, as the championship of the Southern League was generally at stake.

But now, owing to the vagaries of football, it is a question which team shall seek re-election, and therefore the interest is still sustained.

Millwall have changed their players since then, but the style is still similar, and playing with great dash, and aided by the sun and wind, they quickly put on two goals through the agency of Calvey and Hunter.

Although Luton tried hard to equalise, Joyce was in fine form, and proved the chief stumbling-block. Favoured by the elements in the second half, Luton had much the better of the game, but could only score once through Barnes, Joyce repulsing all shots in a masterly manner.

In fact, I think all goalkeepers reserve their best form for Luton. Just previous to our goal being scored the Millwall right back received a nasty kick over the eye from one of his fellow-players, and had to be carried off. This circumstance, strange as it may seem, was a big factor in Millwall's success, as our players could not circumvent the one-back game.

Play developed into a farce, and Stevenson, with the aid of the referee's whistle, was able to repel the attacks of the Luton forwards, of whom Barnes was, perhaps, most prominent.

Luton's loss is Millwall's gain. They are now practically safe, but we still have hopes of saving the bottom two.