

KNOCKED OUT OF THE CUP.

HEAVY DEFEAT AT FULHAM.

Not the most sanguine supporters of the Fulham club would have dreamed that his favourite side would be able to knock Luton out of the Cup by four clear goals. Yet such happened on Saturday.

A small band of about 200 enthusiasts went up from Luton, but they had a miserable experience. One view of the muddy ground sufficed to prove that Luton's chances were but frail, for the Luton boys hate a dirty mud-heap to play on.

In the end they were beaten by four goals to none. Such a result before the match would not have been credited in Luton, and it really required to be actually experienced to be believed.

The following were the teams:—

FULHAM

Fryer

Ross

Thorp

Howard

Gray

Goldie

Boar

Graham

Fraser

Wardrope

Lennie

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Barnes

Ross

S. Spencer

Eaton

Lamberton

R. Hawkes

White

F. Hawkes

McEwen

Turner

Lindsay

LUTON.

Referee: Mr. A. Millward.

There was a heavy fog at Fulham in the morning but fortunately this lifted, and although it was fairly clear on the ground, the surroundings were most dismal.

Less than four thousand spectators were present at 2 o'clock, but the crowd gradually increased.

The ground was in a heavy slippery condition.

Rain threatened, and the wind was bitterly cold when the teams appeared. Fulham were first out, quickly followed by Mac and his man.

The crowd had now reached ten thousand spectators when McEwen won the toss and Fraser started operations. After two minutes midfield work Turned miskicked and Lindsay rushed out and cleared smartly.

A foul against Fred Hawkes threatened danger until Lindsay cleared.

At the other end Fryer had to throw out a long shot by McEwen.

Lennie next got down smartly, White clearing; then Fryer saved a shot from twenty yards from Ross.

Luton raced away through Lamberton, but he ran the ball outside, and then off a foul, Beb shot by the post only by inches.

Another foul for Luton was fruitless, and then Davy Ross put in a shot that missed the post.

At this time Luton were certainly having the best of the play.

A foul against White was well placed by Goldie, and Wardrope headed right into the corner of the net. It was a well-got goal, but the first time Fulham had been out of their own half for fully 10 minutes.

On resuming Fulham again took up the attack.

A clever bit of work by Ross was followed by another bit from Bob Hawkes, and then from a foul against McEwen Turner cleared.

A long shot from Lennie was well caught by Lindsay, and Fulham forced a couple of fruitless corners; and then at the other end Fryer saved twice smartly from Ross and Barnes.

A fast run to Luton's goal was followed by two more corners, both of which were cleared.

McEwen put in a long shot, which Fryer saved, and then play was confined to midfield.

The crowd had now reached fifteen thousand.

Luton were holding their own well, but not giving Fryer any difficult shots to clear.

For a few minutes Fulham attacked without showing any special danger, although their combination was rather good.

Another spell of midfield work followed, until a foul against Bob Hawkes looked dangerous, but Turner cleared.

A long shot by Bob Hawkes was easily cleared by Fryer, following which, Graham missed a glorious chance for Fulham.

From a penalty against Turner Ross, the Fulham back, scored. Half-time:—

FULHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
LUTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

The referee informed me that the ball must have gone into the net if Turner had not handled.

Lindsay had no chance with the terrific drive which Fulham Ross put in.

On the run of the play Fulham deserved a lead, although hardly by two goals.

On resuming Lennie scored in two minutes, Lindsay having rushed out to clear from the right when the backs were beaten, Soar being hurt in a collision with Lindsay.

This settled Luton's hopes completely, and play afterwards degenerated somewhat.

The Fulham men were evidently well satisfied with their lead.

A deliberate handling by Bob Hawkes, when well beaten, came to nothing.

Soar returned after careful attention by the ambulance men, and then for a few minutes Fulham kept the ball in the Luton half, although they did not put in any dangerous shots.

Bob Hawkes gave Fryer a very difficult shot to save, and then a minute later Eaton had hard lines with a hard drive that hit the cross-bar, the ball bouncing into play.

Lamberton shot by the post.

Fulham showed pretty combination without any idea of shooting for goals. They passed and repassed much too frequently.

Luton put in a few spasmodic attacks, and gave Fryer a few soft shots, but generally speaking Fulham were much the better side, and had much more of the play.

Fulham, in fact, held the trump card, and played with every confidence.

The quietness of the crowd was most marked in comparison with the opening half-hour's play.

A slip by Lindsay very nearly gave Fulham another goal.

Lennie then netted, but offside neutralised the point.

In the last few minutes of the game, during a period of laxness on the part of Luton, Fraser broke through and scored the fourth and last goal. Result:—

FULHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
LUTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	0