

WESTERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. CRYSTAL PALACE.

Evidence of the attitude of the Luton Town Football Club's followers towards the present XI. doing duty as a first team was shown on Monday by the meagre attendance at the Western League match between Luton and Crystal Palace, on the Bury Park ground. It is not under-estimating the crowd to say that only 800 people were present, and their continuance of support went unrewarded, for the play was as dull as the weather, and real football was never shown. The spectators were unable to grow enthusiastic over football of the most pronounced Monday type. Weariness and lackadaisical methods were displayed by both sides, though the home team could certainly not plead their exertions of the previous Saturday as any excuse for laziness. The only players to show good form on the Luton side were McCurdy and Fred Hawkes.

The game itself was so lacking in incident that it must necessarily be reported in the briefest possible fashion. The town had cause for thankfulness before the game was very old. A splendid shot by Roberts passed through the hands of Platt who happened to be standing a yard in front of the goal, but McCurdy was standing as usual under the cross-bar, and cleared in the nick of time in distinctly lucky fashion. After half-an-hour's play Walders put Luton ahead by converting a centre by Rigate with a shot from a very difficult angle. The teams crossed over with the homesters leading by 1—0, but towards the close of the second half Woodger carried the ball through the opposition and equalised. Although Luton did most of the pressing throughout the game, they were seldom very dangerous and had to be content with a draw of one goal each.

Teams:—

Luton: Platt; McCurdy and Dimmock; F. Hawkes, White and Jones; Rigate, Rankin, Moody, Hall and Walders.

Crystal Palace: Hall; Collyer and Edwards; Foster, Ryan and Walker; Roberts, Swann, Woodger, Wickins and Davies.

Referee, Mr. L. Bullmer (Northampton).

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