

LUTON v. MILLWALL.

Played on Monday, at Luton, and resulted in a victory for the East Enders by 3—2, after a game in which the home side had the greater share.

The teams turned out under the charge of Mr. McQue, as follow :—

Luton Town—Platt; McCurdy and Dimmock; Jones, White, and R. Hawkes; Rigate, F. Hawkes, Hall, Farrant, and Walders.

Millwall—Joyce; Shreeve and McKenzie; Frost, Comrie, and Blythe; Hunter, Milsom, Twigg, Jones, and Johnson.

The match had only been in progress eight minutes when the Dockers found themselves two goals to the good. The first came from Jones, and the second from Twigg, who converted a centre by Hunter, thanks to a misunderstanding on the part of the Luton backs. The home eleven immediately set to work to reduce the deficit and so successful were their plucky efforts that they were on level terms with their opponents before play had been in progress half-an-hour. A corner well-placed by Walders gave Hall his opportunity, but his shot would have missed the target had the ball not struck a Millwall player and glanced into goal. Bungling on the part of Shreeve presented Fred Hawkes with an ideal opening and he had no difficulty in dribbling the ball between the uprights. Two goals each was the position when the teams crossed over, but before long Johnson beat McCurdy on the half-way line and raced through all alone, eventually defeating Platt. For the rest of the second period the home side battled hard against fate, but without result, and the finish came with Millwall undeservedly victorious by the narrow margin of a single point in five. The play of the majority of the home forwards was disappointing and to them must be attributed this unlucky reverse. Farrant and Hall did little to show they were possessed of any football skill whatever and their weakness upset the whole line. Fred Hawkes unaccountably threw away two of the finest openings he will ever have. Of the rest of the team it is only necessary to state that they did well, but no one was worthy of special mention.