

FOOTBALL NOTES and NEWS

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON DEFEATED AT PLYMOUTH.

On Saturday Luton made an experiment—not in regard to the composition of the team, but in the mode of travelling. Hitherto, in making the long journey to Plymouth, the Luton players have always gone over-night; but “poverty makes strange bedfellows,” and the team went on Saturday morning, reaching Plymouth station 20 minutes before they were due on the field, two miles away. However, Plymouth are also a bit hard up, and they intimated that it would not matter if Luton were a quarter of an hour late in arriving.

On the Ivy-road ground earlier this season, the Argyle lost 2-3; while last season they took three of the four points, drawing at home 1-1, and winning at Luton 3-1.

Luton made one alteration in their team. McCurdy being quite unable to play, Hedley turned out to partner Chapman. “Bob” also went in the team, and took his accustomed position, a thing that he has not done before at Plymouth, as previously he has figured in the forward line.

It was a wet afternoon, and the attendance was seriously affected, there not being more than 2,000 spectators present when the ball was set in motion.

The visitors won the spin and made the first aggressive movement, Stansfield and Moody getting through. Free kicks followed for both sides, and then Atterbury cleared a fine centre from Stansfield. Raymond set Griffiths going, and after Hedley had cleared, the ball came to Lamb, who placed it finely for Hindmarsh to open the score.

Lamb was again prominent for the home side, and finished a fine run with a screw shot which was just saved by Jarvis. A moment later the Luton goalkeeper saved finely from Raymond. A shot from Hindmarsh was luckily intercepted by Chapman, and at the other end Smith put in a lovely shot, but Sutcliffe cleared.

After Atterbury had cleared a centre from Stansfield, Quinn headed just wide. A dashing run and centre by Griffiths gave Hindmarsh a chance, but the latter missed by inches. Jarvis then stopped a drive from Baker, and at the other end Sutcliffe fisted away from Quinn. Brown nearly equalised for Luton, a fine shot on the run going just wide.

From a penalty against Chapman for handling Atterbury scored the Argyle's second goal. Luton replied, and Moody got through, but the shot was disallowed for off-side. Near the interval Hindmarsh wound up a nicely combined movement by putting the Argyle further ahead.

Half-time : Plymouth Argyle 3, Luton 0.

The Argyle attacked on resuming, and Jarvis saved well from Hindmarsh and Raymond, and again from Burch. Luton then got going, and after Stansfield had just missed, Smith scored with a shot that hit the post and glanced into the net.

The visitors' goal had several narrow escapes, and once Raymond got clean through with only Jarvis to beat, but the latter saved luckily at the expense of a corner. This was cleared, and Luton attacked sharply. Sutcliffe saved fine shots from F. Hawkes and Moody, and Raymond then scored the fourth goal for the Argyle. Luton made a plucky response, and Moody reduced the deficit with a fine shot. This proved to be the extent of the scoring.

Result : Plymouth Argyle 4, Luton 2.