

EXETER v LUTON.

Played at Exeter on Saturday. Result.—

Luton	2 goals
Exeter	1 goal.

Teams.—

Exeter—Crosshwaite; Craig and Jones; Atkinson, Ambler, and Hartley; Garside, Bell, Green, Watson, and Copetake.

Luton—Jarvis; Chapman and Potts; F. Hawkes, Jones, and Johnson; Brown, Quinn, Smith, Moody, and Stansfield.

Referee Mr. W. E. Russell.

The home side have an excellent record for their own ground, having lost but few matches at Exeter, and they expected that Luton would furnish them with a brace of points. The Luton side have obliged a good many home teams but on Saturday the players were in a harsh mood. The ground had been benefited by the recent spell of dry weather, and a fast game was expected. There was a crowd of some six thousand people present.

F. Hawkes having won the toss, Exeter started the game, and the opening movement gave promise of a beating for the men from Bedfordshire. Green fed the wings very smartly, and as the result of a movement on the right wing, Bell was at length in a position to test Jarvis, but the Luton goalie was equal to the task and got rid of the ball well. The backs and halves had plenty to do in keeping the visitors out, but after a time Jones got the ball away.

The home side came again with a rush, but Green got too far ahead, and Chapman, who had dashed in to clear, was successful in putting the home centre offside. Luton were now having more of the game, and gradually forced the defence further back. An admirable understanding seemed to pervade the movements of the visitors' forwards, and they always threatened danger when in possession of the ball.

One of these splendid passing movements on the part of the Luton men altered the complexion of the game. Smith received a good pass from F. Hawkes, and after the ball had travelled up and down the line Quinn at last was left in possession, and drawing Jones out, he smartly dashed by the back and had the goal at his mercy, Crosshwaite having little chance to intercept a very smart shot.

Thus the visitors, after being a good deal on the defensive, succeeded in opening the scoring, to the great disappointment of the crowd, who had come to see Exeter win. The success which attended this movement was reflected in the play of the visitors, for after the home side had made a spasmodic attack, Luton came again with renewed confidence and vigour.

Time and again they brushed aside the Exeter defence and it seemed that they must score again. Crosshwaite in goal had plenty to do, and he saved again from Quinn and from a header by Moody, whilst Stansfield was waltzing down the wing in lively fashion. Craig and Jones never had a minute's rest about this period, and it was only a question of how long the defence would hold out. Craig had a long kick from the halves to meet, and failing to return it the first time, the wing men were on his track, and Smith then received the ball. He at once transferred to Quinn, who ended up a brisk movement by beating the goalkeeper for a second time.

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Luton made one attack, and a mistake by Green nearly proved costly. He had dropped back to assist the defence, and fouled Smith just outside the penalty area. Jones could not manipulate the ball into goal, and Exeter set up an attack. Green in this, too, was prominent, but Potts, who never hesitated, bowled him over. Jarvis rushed out to clear at some risk but he got back again before the forwards could put the sphere in the net. Half-time came with Luton leading by 2 goals to 1.

A good deal was expected of the second half, and the spectators were confident that their favourites would pull the game out of the fire. The opening play seemed to point to some fulfilment of this expectation, and Chapman and Potts had a hot ten minutes of it. Luton were content to act on the defensive for a time, and though Jarvis had a shot to save from Green, he caught the ball and then cleared.

The passing of the Luton forwards seemed to provide the home defence with plenty of shocks. There appeared such a nice understanding among the forwards that the home defence never seemed to know quite how to set about it to break it up. Quinn was closely watched, but the other men were given a little more scope. Moody gave Stansfield some nice passes, whilst Smith pushed the ball out to some purpose.

The Exeter defence was a bit flurried, especially during one excursion by the visitors, and as a result Luton almost managed to add to their lead. Towards the end of the game the Luton men were clearly masters of the field, and whenever Exeter got away they found Chapman and Potts very reliable. At length the final whistle went with Luton winning by the odd goal in three.