

A GOAL-LESS DRAW WITH PLYMOUTH.

About eight thousand people were present at Luton's match with Plymouth Argyle on Easter Monday. The weather was brilliant, too brilliant, perhaps, from the players' point of view, and the turf was firm and hard. Luton made two changes from the team that did duty against the Crystal Palace, Johnson taking the place at centre-half of Bushell, who is on the injured list, and Bob Hawkes resuming his position at left half. A marked feature of the game was the strength of the respective defences, and this had a tendency to make the play rather tame, as both goals experienced few of those narrow escapes so beloved by the crowd. Perhaps the failure of the forwards was due to overwork.

The first half was very even, but Luton did most of the work subsequently, and were very unlucky not to win the match. Plymouth have to thank their goalkeeper, Horne, who understudies Sutcliffe, for saving them from defeat. Naisby had less work to do than he has had for a long time, and for the last quarter of an hour he was quite a spectator. Both the Luton backs were in fine trim, especially Wightman, and the halves worked hard. Johnson fully made up for the absence of Bushell, and Bob was great at times. The two extreme wingers, Stansfield and Brown, were the outstanding figures in the forward line, and it was not their fault that no goals were scored.

Bob Hawkes lost the toss, but this did not materially matter, as there was practically no wind. For the first ten minutes, the play took place in the Plymouth half of the field, but it can scarcely be said that Luton were pressing, as they were rarely allowed to get within shooting distance. The first likely scoring movement came from a free kick awarded Luton just on the penalty line, and the visitors had to concede a corner to prevent Stephenson heading in. Shortly after, Stansfield gave Brown an excellent ground pass right across the field, and taking a first time shot, the latter sent the ball on to the terraces. Another likely attempt was made by Bob Hawkes. During his wanderings he found himself with a clear field before him, but instead of running through he tried a shot from long range. The interval came with nothing scored.

Soon after the resumption, Walker was given a good chance from Stansfield's centre, but his "header" lacked power. It was during this part of the game that Stansfield did such good work, and once he almost headed a goal from a free kick given just outside the penalty area. Another inspiring run by the same player was spoilt by weak shooting, and the goal was shortly afterwards in danger from a free kick. Burch gave Plymouth a chance to score by a sparkling run, but nothing came of it, but at the other end, Horne's charge had a very narrow escape, West kicking the ball against the upright. The most exciting incident occurred in the very last minute of the game, when the Luton forwards regularly bombarded the visitors' goal. How the ball was kept out is not even Horne knows, for twice he was beaten, but the cross bar and the upright saved the situation. Luton had to be therefore content with the score:—

LUTON 0, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0.