

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. LUTON.

Played at Plymouth on Saturday. Result :—

Plymouth 2 goals.

Luton nil.

The teams were as follow :—

Plymouth — Sutcliffe; Butler and Atterbury; M'Cormick, Wilcox, and Baker; Dixon, H. Raymond, Boden, Malcolm, and B. Bowler.

Luton — Naisby; Wightman and Potts; F. Hawkes, Bushell, and R. Hawkes; Brown, Streeton, Walden, Moody, and Stephenson.

Referee. Mr. J. R. Schumacher (London).

Whether it was that the Luton forwards suffered from their long journey or were too much impressed with the hopelessness of their task, one cannot say, but certain it is that they gave a very poor account of themselves in this game, the consequence being that Luton never looked like gaining the points they so much needed.

Seeing that Plymouth had failed in their three previous matches, Luton should at least have made a bid for victory. Perhaps the fact that the home team had the advantage of a very strong wind in the first half, took the heart out of the Luton attack, for the forwards were seldom in evidence. Bob Hawkes got in one good attempt from a free kick, but for the most part it was the Plymouth attack versus the Luton defence.

Wightman and Potts played extremely well, and were ably assisted by the halves, but in spite of all their efforts, the home forwards had plenty of chances and made shockingly poor use of them. Indeed, they never looked like succeeding until Wightman had the misfortune to handle in the penalty area, and Wilcox scored from the kick awarded. Then they showed up a bit better, and just before the interval Boden registered the second goal with a grand shot.

With the wind in their favour, Luton might have been expected to do better in the second half, but except for occasional runs by Stephenson and Moody, they failed completely. As one critic says, they failed to raise a gallop, and though Plymouth were kept out, Luton could not do anything towards getting on terms.

The game was watched by seven or eight thousand spectators, who got little except the victory for their money. Plymouth all round gave a very moderate display, but indifferent as it was, they would have beaten Luton by a much heavier margin but for the efforts of the Luton backs and Naisby in goal.