

TWO GOALS DEFEAT AT PLYMOUTH.

At Plymouth on Saturday, Luton played under Mr. J. R. Schumacher, the London referee who has been chosen by the F.A. to referee the final of the English Cup, and whi, by the way, played more than once at Luton in the days of the Old St. Mark's team. With the Argyle in the running for championship honours, it was rather too much to expect that the Blues would lower their colours, seeing that the Westerners won by 3—0 in the match at Luton. Last season the Argyle took three points out of the Blues, and on Saturday they made it four for this season.

The Blues had out the same team as represented them on Good Friday, but after a four-goal defeat at Brentford the Argyle made two or three changes, among them being the return of the veteran Sutcliffe between the posts, a capacity in which he invariably manages to shine. He did not have a great number of opportunities on this occasion for, in the first half particularly when they were playing against the wind, the Luton forwards did not show up to very great advantage. The wind dominated the game considerably and the play was far from brilliant, with the Argyle acting principally on the offensive. Bob Hawkes gave Sutcliffe one hot handfull from a free kick, and both Streeton and Bushell went very close with fine efforts, but it was Naisby who had the bulk of the work falling to the lot of the goalkeepers, and he made a number of brilliant clearances. As a matter of fact, the Argyle were unable to break through the defence until they were awarded a penalty for hands and then Wilcox scored. Just before the interval Burch scored another from a clever centre by Dixon, from the left, and it must be admitted that the Argyle were full value for a two goal lead at the change of ends.

In the second half Luton had a much larger share of the game, but the considerable amount of pressing they did was rather shorn of anything like forceful finish. Although Butler, one of the Argyle backs, went lame and caused some rearrangement of the team, the defence was always equal to the demands made upon them, and in spite of a fine rally in the closing stages Luton were unable to improve upon the half time score of 2—0 in favour of the Argyle.