

Football Notes.

By "THE GOALIE."

TREHARRIS TROUNCED.

WELSH TEAM'S FEEBLE OPPOSITION.

LUTON FORWARDS' SHOOTING PRACTICE.

Treharris provided but a feeble opposition to Luton on Saturday, and it was only luck and good goalkeeping that enabled them to escape with even a six goal defeat. Of course it was confidently expected that Luton would win, and win easily, considering that whereas they have won all their three games, Treharris have lost three, but few people were prepared to see such a one-sided game. The game was by no means uninteresting, as the Luton forwards, especially Wileman, were shooting splendidly. Denmery, the Treharris goalkeeper and a well-known custodian, was in fine form, however, and no one could have saved the six successful shots. Several other good attempts failed unluckily through accidentally striking some one or hitting the timber. The victory has put Luton more securely at the head of the table, for as the only other match was between Stoke and Ton Pentre, they were able to secure a lead of three points, and what is almost as important, to strengthen their goal average materially. The result of the other match was a 2-1 victory for Stoke, who are certainly not showing promotion form at present. On Monday Treharris again went down, being beaten at home by Caerphilly, while Aberdare and Llanelli played a goal-less draw.

From the point of view of the spectators, the weather was ideal, but the players must have been inconvenienced by the heat, although it did not seem to have much effect on the pace of the game. The attendance was only between four and five thousand, probably owing to Treharris's rather dismal record. Luton made two alterations from their previous line, Simms reappearing at centre and Donaghy at outside right. Both players justified their inclusion to a certain extent, but too much importance must not be attached to any of the events of Saturday, as the game was no real test. The Luton forwards certainly gave an enjoyable exhibition of shooting, and one attempt by Wileman was one of the finest shots even seen on the ground, in spite of the fact that it was unsuccessful. It was Wileman's day all through. In common with the other two inside forwards he scored two goals, but Robinson certainly owes one of his points to Wileman, who had a good shot nullified in the first half through another player's infringement, and who also saw several shots just miss or be sensationally saved.

As it generally happens when forwards are finding the opposition easy, the inside game predominated, but Wilman several times showed his appreciation of Donaghy's speed by giving him those long forward passes which enable a winger to take the ball in his stride and outdistance the back without infringing the offside rule. The worst of it was that Donaghy was not particularly accurate in centring on some occasions, and, indeed, he generally put the ball so close to the goal that it was difficult to distinguish some of his middles from shots. This naturally gave Demmery more chance to deal with them. Once or twice Simms initiated an attack by swinging the ball out to Wilkie over the heads of the defenders, and his forceful play when at close quarters was always an asset. Rollinson mainly shone as an individualist, while Wilkie, who got most of his passes from Bob Hawkes, also did well. Bob was his old brilliant self and it was a pity that he rarely got an opportunity for a shot. Frith kept up the improved form he showed recently in Wales and with Fred Hawkes playing well, the half back line should be the strongest feature of the team. As it is the backs and goalkeeper can claim this honour. On Saturday, Elvie and Jurvie, especially the former, were never at a loss. As for Mitchell, one cannot help wondering whether he enjoyed the game. He occasionally took a goal kick, but he had so little to do in the way of actual saving that a wag suggested, "Why don't you go home to tea, Mitchell?"

Probably the best thing that can be said of the Treharris team is that they were all triers. There was no slackening up as the position became more and more hopeless, but though one can admire them for their grit, there is no getting away from the fact that the team is not in the same class as the general run of Second Division Clubs. They possess a good man in Demmery, the goalkeeper, and the left wing forwards, Whitecombe and H. Davis, sometimes showed promise, but the rest were nowhere. Demmery's only slip was at the beginning of the game, when he almost allowed a shot from Simms to go over the line. Whitecombe might have opened the scoring for Treharris had he accepted an easy opening a minute later, but the ball was sent over, and from the goal kick developed the movement which led to the first goal. Simms sent the ball to Wilman, who handed it over to the care of Donaghy. The latter sprinted off and lashed up with a glorious lofty centre that cleared the back and left Rollinson unmarked in front of Demmery. The goalie played his only card and came out, but Rollinson simply feinted and placed the ball in the net. Simms got the second goal by bursting through on his own account.

Demmery saved a certain goal when he came out to meet Simms, and most people thought the referee erred on one occasion in not giving a penalty for a foul on Donaghy. The visiting goalie was now having a very warm time of it, and the inevitable happened when, after a good clearance by Frith, Simms received the ball from Rollinson, and after rounding the back scored with ease, although Demmery again tried to stop him by coming out. A few minutes later Wilman shot through a crowd of players into the net, but Simms was in an offside position and the goal was disallowed. Matters slowed up after this, and for a time the Luton forwards were being constantly pulled up for being off-side. This enabled Treharris to get within shooting distance of Mitchell, and Whitecombe made a good attempt to score with a shot that sailed just over the bar. At the interval Luton had a comfortable lead of three goals.

The second half opened sensationally, Wilman scoring the best goal of the match about two minutes from the re-start. He beat man after man in irresistible style and wound up with an unstoppable shot from twenty yards' range. It was a great goal and was loudly cheered. A similar move was attempted soon afterwards by Fred Hawkes whose shot was going straight for the corner of the goal, when Demmery threw himself along the ground and diverted the ball for a corner. Then came Wilman's great but unsuccessful shot. He may have been thirty yards out or more when he saw his opportunity, and taking the ball in his stride he sent it like lightning towards Demmery, who just stopped it. Another likely attempt was made by Rollinson, but the upright intervened, and it was not until the closing stages that Wilman, receiving a good pass from Simms, beat the back and scored the fourth goal. The applause had hardly died down

when a hard shot from Wilman rebounded from the cross bar to Rollinson, who simply had to place it into the net. Result:—

LUTON 6, TREHARRIS 0.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
LUTON TOWN	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Swansea Town	5	2	0	1	7	0	5
Llanelli	5	2	0	1	5	1	5
Croydon Common ...	5	2	0	1	4	1	5
Stoke	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Brentford	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Caerphilly	4	2	2	0	3	8	4
Pontypridd	5	1	1	1	3	2	3
Newport County ...	5	1	1	1	2	2	3
Aberdare	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Mardy	3	1	2	0	5	3	2
Berry	3	1	2	0	4	10	2
Ton Pentre	5	0	2	1	2	4	1
Abertillery	3	0	2	1	1	4	1
Mid-Rhondda	2	0	2	0	1	4	0
Treharris	5	0	5	0	2	16	0