

Football Notes.

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Another Win in Wales.

LUTON'S FULL POINTS FOR FIVE GAMES.

NEW WELSH TEAM STUBBORN OPPONENTS.

Luton broke fresh ground on Saturday in their quest for promotion points, the Strawplaiters being visitors to Jenner Park, Barry, the occasion marking the first appearance of one of the quartette of English clubs due to visit the home of the Linnets in the Southern League tourney. The result was a victory for Luton by 3-1, and this gives them the splendid record of five wins in five games, and an excellent goal average of 14-3. Croydon Common did even better on Saturday to defeat Aberdare on the latter's ground. Mardy ran Newport County to a draw, and Swansea also had to be content with a division of points at Mid-Rhondda. Pontypridd disappointed their followers by only drawing at home with Caerphilly, and Stoke easily defeated Aber-tillery by 3-0. The Brentford forwards were again in fine shooting form, and Ton Pentre were defeated by 7-0. Brentford have thus scored fifteen goals in three matches, and have only one against them. Luton are an easy first on the table, but there are four other clubs who have not lost a match, and one, Brentford, who, like Luton, have not lost a single point.

After an auspicious opening match, when they gained both points at the expense of Mid-Rhondda, the seashiders failed badly against Aberdare and Swansea, but the two reverses served a purpose, for they revealed the weak spots in the side. Steps have since been taken to remedy this weakness, and included in Saturday's side were two new men in Comley (right half) and Walton (centre forward), both of whom come with good reputations from the Birmingham League. Luton naturally were not giving anything away, and had their strongest side out. Ideal football weather favoured the meeting, and the turf was in capital condition. There was an attendance of quite four thousand when the teams lined out in charge of Mr. F. Curtis, Bristol, as follows:—

Barry—Varlow; Comley and Wightman; Prince, Catlow, and Greenaway; Bates, Price, Walton, Woolridge, and Isherwood.

Luton—Mitchell; Elvey and Jarvie; F. Hawkes, Frith, and R. Hawkes; Donaghy, Wileman, Simms, Rollinson and Wilkie.

Although Barry started well, Luton showed themselves the better side in the long run. They were heavier and faster, and their combination was far superior to that of the Barry eleven. The defence, too, was stronger than the seashiders' rear division. Wileman was the most dangerous of the Luton forwards, and as a line they all played well. Barry's weakest spot was at half-back, but the backs played fairly well.

The first shot of the match was put in by Bates, the ball missing the bar by inches only. Play then went to the other end, but Comley was safe, and Wilkie could do nothing better than send behind. Barry's new man was showing capital form, and early in the game Walton had got the better of Frith half-a-dozen times. The Strawplaiters became dangerous when Greenaway let Donaghy through, and, the ball going across to the other wing, Wilkie sent nicely into the mouth of goal. In an exciting melee Comley was prominent finally in clearing. Play was in front of Varlow for quite a time, but the keeper was not called upon. Bob Hawkes was given the chance of a lovely drive, but his shot went nearer the corner flag than the opening between the up-rights. So far there had been nothing between the two sides. Simms got offside in a nice position, but in the next minute he was only inches wide with a fast low shot that would undoubtedly have beaten Varlow. Rollinson and Wilkie were ever ready to get away, and, with the former at times just a wee bit too clever for Prince, Comley was given a lot of work.

The first goal came after a spell of attacking by Barry. Wileman who had been given too much moving room, received just at the centre, and, bursting through, drew out Varlow. He then tipped across to Simms, who had the easiest of tasks in sending into the open goal. The Linnets were not dismayed, and from the re-start Price and Walton went away, the former finishing by skimming the bar with an express drive. In the next minute the same player again broke through beautifully, but, hampered by Elvey, who had crossed to the aid of Jarvie, was twice wide of direction by inches only. Luton had a free kick close in, but Fred Hawkes sent high over the bar. Donaghy, beating Greenaway, got across a nice centre which might easily have led to the downfall of Varlow's charge for the second time. Wightman headed the ball the wrong way, and Varlow, running out, cleared. Either Simms or Rollinson might easily have netted, but they seemed mesmerised at the glorious chance presented them, and calmly allowed Varlow to recover himself and pick the ball up only a yard out. Just near the interval Price beat Mitchell, but as the ball had previously gone out of play, Mr. Curtis gave Luton a free kick just outside the penalty area. At the interval Luton were a goal to the good.

Barry re-started with great dash, and Mitchell was twice tested in the first minute. Then Prince missed a nice shot through stumbling, while Woolridge sent over. A bad miss by Greenaway allowed the visitors' left to move away, but the danger was cleared after Wightman had been beaten. Then Varlow was kept on tenter-hooks for some minutes through nice combined work by the Luton forward line, who kept out shots from both wings. After Wilkie had headed over the line, Luton came again, led by Simms and Rollinson. The latter, after beating the defence, scored the Strawplaiters' second goal with a fine rising shot from thirty yards' range. Prince and Bates tried to make headway, but Jarvie was not to be beaten, while Elvey always had the left wing in check. Wightman proved handy when a shot came along from Bob Hawkes, as Varlow was on the other side of his charge. The Barry defence was severely tested until Prince eased the pressure by sending out to his wings. Bates took the ball nicely, and the movement had certainly got Jarvie and Co. guessing, when Prince over-ran the ball from about five yards out.

Luton came again on the right, and after Wileman had struck the crossbar Varlow scooped up a fast shot from Simms. Then Isherwood was responsible for a thrill, and a goal should certainly have accrued. Beating Elvey, he went right ahead, and crossed the ball from right on the line to the goal mouth. Three of the forwards were well up, but each unaccountably missed, Mitchell having no chance had one of the trio tested him. Twenty minutes from time, Wileman made victory certain by scoring the third goal with an unstoppable shot. Walker certainly reduced the deficit, Luton easing up somewhat, but when time came Luton were still two goals ahead. Score:

BARRY 1, LUTON 3.