

On the whole, Luton must be counted fortunate in drawing at Millwall on Saturday, but an injury to Fort just before the interval gave them an opportunity which they lost no time in accepting. The full-back could not take part in the second half at New Cross, and the Bedfordshire club shared the points rather luckily. Millwall put all their dash and decision into the opening half, and, at the end of fifteen minutes, during which period Mitchell had made a number of wonderful saves, Davis scored a pretty goal. Moody headed a second point after another brilliant exhibition by Mitchell, and it appeared that Millwall were on the winning tack. But when Fort left the field Luton began to recover, and it was Hoar who reduced the lead with a long, low, slanting shot at which Wood threw his whole length in vain. Early in the second half Moody again scored when his side were playing the one-back game, but the Luton forwards seemed to get a new lease of life in the opening twenty minutes, and, after Simms had scored unhampered with a good goal, the equalising point fell to Frith. Millwall made splendid efforts towards the end, but they could not score a winning goal.

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Luton in the first half not only were overwhelmed by the dash of the opposition, but they never seemed to get a proper footing on the slippery turf. The backs, however, played with far more steadiness afterwards, and Frith succeeded to some extent in getting the measure of Davis, who, however, passed out beautifully to Whittaker. Luton's best forwards were Hoar, Roberts, and Wilman. As far back as October Fort injured himself to such an extent that he could not accept the Southern League invitation to play in their representative matches, and his breakdown against Luton did much to influence the drawn game. Nuttall and Wilson played cleverly at half-back, and the forward honours fell to Moody, Davis, Whittaker, and Lamb, the last-named playing with much better judgment than usual. Moody was by far the most prominent forward on the field.

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About ten thousand spectators watched the return game with Watford, at Luton, on Easter Monday, but the football served up was of a very poor description. The probable explanation is that the teams were stale after their strenuous games on Friday and Saturday, for even although they were much the better team, Watford's display fell far below championship form. The visitors made one or two changes from their usual eleven, and although they included the trial of two reserve half-backs, these changes came off trumps. Bob Hawkes was absent from the Luton team owing to a strained thigh received at Watford, and Heath figured in his place. For a quarter of an hour there was very little between the teams, and the football was fast and exciting. Both goals had some narrow escapes. On one occasion Mitchell cleared when Waterall ran clean through the defence, but soon afterwards some faulty work by Elvey resulted in F. Gregory scoring an easy goal. At the other end Simms was presented with a similar opportunity through mistakes by the defence, but he shot straight at the goalkeeper.

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If the centre forward had scored, a different tale might have to be written, but he missed his chance and when shortly afterwards Edmonds put Watford two ahead the game was as good as over. The visiting halves were playing so splendidly that the Luton forwards could do nothing. The wing men were carefully watched, and with Simms playing as if he was demoralised nothing would go right for Luton. Dunn and Elvey played splendidly in the second half, and it was owing to this that Watford had to be content with a victory by only two goals. The only likely attempt made by Luton in the second half was when Simms headed against the upright, but even if he had scored it is doubtful whether it would have made much difference. The plain truth is that Luton were soundly beaten, and did not appear in the same class as Watford.