

MILLWALL v. LUTON.

Disputed Goal Gives "Lions" the Lead.

MILLWALL BACK INJURED.

Luton's surprising form on foreign soil encouraged the hope that Robert Hawkes and Company would capture at least one point as the result of their visit to Millwall at New Cross this afternoon. The "Blues" certainly had something to make up, for when the "Lions" came to Luton in December, they won by two goals to nil.

Owing to Roe being a doubtful starter in consequence of an injury received yesterday, a sixth forward was included in the party that set out from the Midland station at 12.10 this afternoon. Until the last minute it was not decided whether Roe or Wileman would take the inside-right berth. The teams were:—

LUTON.

Right.		Left.
	Mitchell.	
Elvey.		Dunn.
F. Hawkes.	Frith.	R. Hawkes.
Roberts.	Wileman.	Simms.
		Rollinson.
		Hoar.

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Davis.

Lamb.	Moody.	Williams.	Whittaker.
Liddell.		Wilson.	Butterworth.
	Woodley.		Fort.
	F. Wood.		

Left.

Right.

MILLWALL.

As the above names indicate Millwall made several changes from the team that lost at Exeter yesterday.

Showery weather kept the attendance down to 6,000.

Luton were first out, and they received a rousing cheer from a strong party of Lutonians on the stand.

Bert Moody beat Bob Hawkes in the spin of the coin, and Simms started the game.

The first incident of note was a miskick by "Bob" Hawkes which sent the ball across the ground, giving Lamb and Moody a nice opening, but the ex-Luton man allowed the ball to travel into touch. A miskick by Dunn sent direct to Williams, but Elvey came to the rescue.

Luton raced to the other end as the outcome of good work by the right wing, and a corner was forced. Luton came again and Simms sent out a nice pass to Roberts, but the wing man spoilt the opening by excess of anticipation, the referee pulling him up for offside.

Lamb made excellent progress on the Millwall left, but Dunn raced across and sent the ball into touch. A little later Dunn astutely threw Davis offside when he looked to be running through into a position for bringing off one of his characteristic dashing goals.

Elvey pulled up Moody just outside the penalty area, and thereby saved a serious situation. It seemed an "odds on" chance, a little later when Davis pushed the ball forward for Moody. He tried to put the ball wide of Mitchell, with a fast grounder. Fortunately it travelled about a yard wide of the target.

Hands against Davis spoilt a good chance for Millwall. Then Luton's right wing got away nicely, but Roberts was hampered by Fort, and could not get his shot in.

Moody shortly after this got in a first-time shot from a right wing centre, and Mitchell was responsible for a good piece of work; he did well to get clear, as the ball came across in surprisingly tricky fashion off Moody's toe.

Luton's goal had a couple of marvellous escapes during a spell of strong pressure, following which Davis opened the scoring from a pass-back by Williams twenty minutes from the start.

Fort just stepped in front of Hoar, who was in a good position to take a pass from Rollinson. Davis finished up a fine run with a grand drive which brought Mitchell to his knees.

He saved cleverly, and a minute later cleared from all three of the inside forwards. Roberts ran the ball so far towards the corner that in centring he knocked the flag down, much to the amusement of the crowd.

Millwall were certainly the more dangerous side when in front of goal, and Davis and Moody each came within inches of scoring.

MOODY SCORES WHILE LUTON WAIT.

Some misunderstanding arose over a throw-in. It was wrongly taken, and it led to Moody getting a second goal for Millwall, the Luton players ceasing playing as one of the linesmen was waving his flag for some infringement. A strong appeal was made by the Luton players against the goal, but the referee remained unmoved.

Luton appeared to have a chance of getting going when Simms passed nicely forward, but Woodley just managed to intercept the ball before Roberts could gather it.

Mitchell saved a hot shot from Davis, who received from Moody right in front of goal.

Nearing half-time, Luton improved a good deal. Bob Hawkes fed his forwards particularly well. Both Rollinson and Hoar came close to scoring.

A misfortune overtook Millwall when Fort broke down as the result of a strain in his side. The referee stopped the game, and Fort left the field.

Just before the interval Hoar found the net for Luton with a long shot which Wood really turned through his own goal. Half-time score:—

Millwall	2
Luton	1

Liddell fell into the absent Fort's position and Moody went to half-back, but this did not prevent the old Lutonian taking part in the attack and he and Lamb forced the game in great style. Bert Moody scoring from almost off the goal-line five minutes after the re-start.

Luton went down in fine style when Hoar sent the ball neatly across the field. Roberts however, just failed to plant the ball in front after beating Liddell, the ball striking the outside of the net, whilst the home goal also had a very lucky escape with Wood out of goal, but he got back just in time and saved amid cheers from the crowd.

Rollinson netted later from Simms' pass, fifteen minutes from the re-start, the score thus standing:—Millwall 3; Luton 2.

Luton drew level directly afterwards.