

EXETER CITY v. LUTON TOWN.

"HATTERS" LOSE AFTER A GAME STRUGGLE.

On the journey down, the weather scarcely promised to be fine, but nearing Exeter the sun asserted itself, and conditions were ideal for the spectators, but a trifle too hot for the players. Exeter made one change, in the defence, dropping Strettle for Shreeve. The teams were:—

Exeter: Pym; Colebourne, Shreeve; Rigby, Popplewell, Mitton; Connor, Makin, Goodwin, Lovett, Dockray.

Luton.—Summers; Elvey, Dunn; Urwin, Rutherford, Parker; Grimes, Tomlinson, Simms, Roe, Hensman.

The kick-off was advanced a quarter of an hour to enable Luton to catch the London connection, but spectators were present in great force—close upon 8,000.

Luton were first out, led by Elvey, but he failed to guess correctly, and lost the toss, Luton facing a brilliant sun at the start. The game was stopped in the first minute by Rigby getting injured, and he left the field temporarily for the trainer's attention, but was only away a few minutes. Mitton let in Luton's right wing, but Tomlinson's pass went behind before Grimes could get up. Roe nipped in and robbed Connor nicely when the latter

THREATENED DANGER,

but Popplewell intercepted a pass forward, and Goodwin slipped through and drove in a hard shot from which Summers had difficulty in saving his goal, fisting the ball from under the bar at the second attempt. Grimes gave Simms a nice opening, but Popplewell forced Luton's centre off the ball.

At the other end, Makin sent in a shot which Summers turned over the bar, and a corner resulted. Luton got away, and Hensman, slipping Colebourne, put in a long shot which Pym had no difficulty in clearing, none of the Luton insides being sufficiently far up. Hensman landed the ball on the top of the net with another dropping centre.

During the opening quarter the game was very fast, both goals being hotly attacked in turn. Luton almost broke clear when Hensman and Simms combined on the left, but the home defence

CROWDED INTO GOAL

and kept a promising attack at bay.

The crowd demonstrated against the referee's decision when he gave Goodman offside. Summers fielded in good style a shot from Connor, while offside against Hensman pulled up a nice Luton movement. Then Exeter set up a hot attack, giving all the Luton defenders plenty of work, but eventually Makin fired just over. Lovett sent in a grand shot, Summers saving brilliantly, although the sun was full in his eyes. Rutherford let Makin in, but the forward's final effort struck the side net. Elvey, in saving, gave a corner, which Parker tried hard to prevent passing over the goal line. However, the flag kick failed, and

NO HARM WAS DONE.

A foul on Dockray by Urwin two feet outside the penalty area looked ominous, but Luton packed their goal and kept the danger out. Exeter were at this stage exerting considerable pressure, but Elvey and Co. defended finely. In a Luton dash Simms headed just behind from Hensman's centre, being very unlucky not to score with a grand effort.

THE FIRST GOAL.

Almost immediately Exeter scored through Dockray, who took a long pass from Goodwin and put in a ground shot just away from Summers, who made a gallant attempt to stop, but just failed to reach the ball.

Luton were not so fortunate with a fine combined movement, Pym clearing from Simms close in. Tomlinson, going through, lobbed the ball over Colebourne's head in beautiful style, the back deliberately

Elvey took the penalty kick, and equalised. Although Pym touched the ball in its passage he could not prevent it entering the net. This was eleven minutes from the interval. Goodwin took a pass from Dockray and was almost through when tackled by Dunn, and the latter in clearing conceded a corner, but again nothing resulted. An even game and level scoring was a far reflex of the play at the interval.

EXETER CITY 1 goal

LUTON TOWN 1 goal

The visitors made the pace very hot in the opening stages of the second half, and kept the home defenders at full stretch for a long time. Although there was not a lot of wonderful combination, the forwards lost no time in making for goal, and they shot better and more frequently than in any previous match of the season. The wing changes had improved the team, and every man was doing his best. It was Luton's best period, and over and over again Colebourne and Shreeve

HAD TO PUNT ANYWHERE

in order to keep the ball out, while Pym negotiated many hot shots, the inside men being well on the target.

The speed was too hot to last, however, and although it was a long time before the homesters could do anything effective, when they did break away they gave Elvey and Dunn plenty to do. Summers was also frequently called upon after the first pressure had lapsed, but with any sort of luck the "Hatters" would have made the result secure during this period. Fortune favoured the fisherman goalkeeper, however, and the next goal fell to the home side.

It came twenty-five minutes after the re-start, and was the beginning of

A THRILLING FIVE MINUTES,

in which the match was lost and won. Connor made play on the right and finished with a beautiful centre, which sailed across the Luton goal, and Lovett, getting his head to the ball, turned it into goal. Summers made a gallant effort to clear, but could only touch the ball, the screw on it eluding his grasp and carrying it into the net.

Luton crowded on all sail and attacked furiously, the forwards ploughing their way through irresistibly.

Roe went very close with a warm shot, and Hensman and Simms each lost oppor-

tunities, within the space of a couple of minutes. So thoroughly did the

VISITORS STORM

the home defence that Shreeve, in a frantic endeavour to keep them out, fouled Simms badly. From the free kick Tomlinson got possession and cleverly defeated Pym, thus equalising.

Exeter then retaliated strongly, and after good play on the right wing, Makin broke through to give the home side the winning lead.

In the concluding stages Luton strove very hard to get on equal terms, but Pym and his backs refused to be beaten again, and the game ended:

EXETER CITY		3 goals
LUTON TOWN		2 goals

COMMENTS ON THE LUTON MATCH AT EXETER.

It was a fine open game, with Exeter always the superior side, though perhaps lacking just that sting in attack, which should ripen with the season. Goodwin greatly improved on his mid-week display, but is still too easily dispossessed. Mitton was the best half, Colebourne the better back. Luton's sterling defence saved them from a severer reverse. Dunn, Elvey, and Rutherford were particularly good. The forwards, especially Hensman and Tomlinson, were individually good, but as a line were loose.—"Weekly Dispatch."

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Exeter gained a hard-earned victory.—"The People."

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The game was fast throughout, and some sparkling football was witnessed. Exeter could do almost everything but score in the first twenty minutes. But Luton put up a rock-like defence, Summers in goal playing brilliantly, although he had a large amount of luck.

The three goals in the second half were obtained in four minutes, a thing never before witnessed on the ground.

Exeter in the first period were inclined to resort too much to close passing, but later, when "open order" was the plan of campaign, the Luton defence had a trying time. Pym served his side well, Colebourne was the better of the Exeter backs.

Exeter have a real good defender in Shreeve, who displaced Strettle. He opened shakily, and frequently miskicked, but improved later as the game progressed. The Exeter intermediate line was sound throughout. They fed the forwards finely, while the defence was frequently brilliant. Rigby was the best, with Mitton a good second. The forwards, when they settle down, should do well. Connor and Dockray are wingmen above the average, and much of Saturday's work bordered on the brilliant.

The inside men lost many chances through erratic shooting. Makin deserves every credit for a fine goal. He was the best inside man. Summers was in great form in Luton goal, making many sensational saves. The backs were sound, with Elvey the best on the field. The half-backs were rare workers, Rutherford outstanding, his headwork being a feature. The forwards were business-like and go-ahead, swinging the ball about from start to finish. Luton can take every credit for putting up a good game.—"Athletic News."