

## STILL MARCHING ON.

Luton Town negotiated another of the most difficult obstacles on Saturday when they entertained and defeated Millwall by the only goal of the game. This was a point better than the result last year, when neither side could score a goal in their two games.

This was the town's first appearance at home for a month, and it must be admitted that on the whole it was not a convincing win. There was no fault to be found with the defence at all, but the forwards were scrappy and lacking in cohesion and in shooting power.

The only goal came from a penalty kick a few minutes before the interval, when Butcher had made a characteristic dribble and was tripped in the penalty area. TIRRELL invited four or five colleagues to have the honour of winning the game, but all declined, and so he took it himself. He scored with ease, Lansdale never having the ghost of a chance, as Sid Hoar, sitting in the stand predicted when Tirrell was about to take the kick. Butcher made many such dribbles, and but for his dribbles, and energy and the clever passing of Simms, the forward work would have been a colourless business. Often they beat Millwall's clever defence by artistic footwork, but not one had enough powder in his boots to hit the ball hard enough to send it past Lansdale. He made several fine saves, but there was nothing of an exceptional nature in the shots, and about half-a-dozen simple chances were missed.

The spectators were very disappointed, but although Millwall have not scored many goals, they have a very fine defence, and over and over again the backs nipped in at an opportune moment and cleared when the Town forwards hesitated a trifle too long before taking a shot at close quarters.

It was not the best game the two clubs have played by any means, but now and then there was a thrill, and not all the escapes were at Lansdale's end, for Bailey and his backs were often put through a trying test. Bailey kept goal with his accustomed ability, and one save from Thompson in the first half was worthy of special mention. He ran out and took the ball off the forward's toe, when a goal seemed certain. Lennon was in splendid form as usual, and Tirrell put up a great game, his anticipation being fine.

The middle men were the best part of the team, and Walker played a magnificent game after the first quarter of an hour. He completely subdued Thompson, the "Lions'" new centre, and few direct shots came from any of the inside men. Foster was a powerful help-mate, and against the ex-Manchester City man, Dorsett, he put up a sound display, his quickness in recovery and robust tackling being invaluable. Roe played his customary careful game, and his deft passing and quick obstruction gave Taylor and Richardson few chances.

In the forward line Butcher was the outstanding figure, both for his remarkable energy and skill, and he initiated more attacks than any of the others. Simms was admirable in all respects except shooting, and in that he was quite off colour. Bassett did not do as well as in previous games, and the left wing was not a success.

Millwall had a fine defence, and Lansdale was a sound custodian, with every confidence in his backs, of whom Hill was the best. Voisey was the pick of a clever half-back line, and Dorsett and Taylor were the best of a moderate forward line.

LUTON TOWN ..... 1 goal

MILLWALL ATHLETIC ... Nil

LUTON TOWN.—Bailey; Lennon, Tirrell; Foster, Walker, Roe; Bassett, Butcher, Simms, Higginbotham, Bookman.

MILLWALL ATHLETIC. — Lansdale; Fort, Hill; Voisey, Riddell, Stanton; Taylor, Richardson, Thompson, Sutherland, Dorsett.

Referee: Mr. E. E. Small, Bristol.