

MILLWALL V. LUTON.

at Millwall.

MILLWALL ATHLETIC 1 goal
LUTON TOWN 1 goal

MILLWALL.—Lansdale; Woodley; Hill; Voisey, Riddell, Stanton; Taylor, Richardson, Thompson, Sutherland, Dorsett.
LUTON.—Bailey; Lennon, Tirrell; Foster, Walker, Roe; Bassett, Higginbotham, Simms, Butcher, Bookman.

Referee.—Mr. E. E. Small, Bristol.

Had the Gloomy Dean visited Luton on any morning from Saturday to Tuesday he would have cast quite a cheerful ray in comparison with some of the unhappy followers of the Town Club. On Saturday morning Sid Hoar was laid up with the 'flu, and so scores of regular supporters felt that the Town were on a hopeless quest in visiting New Cross; on Monday morning Walker was suffering the same complaint as Hoar, and Simms' knee was troublesome, and three of our very best being unable to go to Swindon, why, defeat was positively stalking along with us; on Tuesday Lennon was a doubtful starter through having sustained a nasty blow on the back at Swindon, Butcher was at grips with the unmerciful 'flu fiend, and both were non-starters, while Foster was also shelved through injury, so we should be a fortunate side to hold our own. Yet we drew at New Cross and Swindon, and won on Tuesday. It has been a remarkable holiday success, and the players are deserving of all praise for the splendid manner in which they have come through a difficult programme.

Feeling that I had earned a rest I left Saturday's and Monday's matches to others. There is no need to say much about the former. Of it, the special correspondent says:

Luton may account themselves a wee bit fortunate to bring away a point from the "Den." They proved to be one of the best teams we have had at the "Den" this year, and for the stalwart defence they put up against a desperate team they deserve the point. It was quite a good game, and with the "Lions" anxious for Christmas bonus money, both teams went a cracking pace. Luton were quite as good as the "Lions" until the last quarter of an hour, and their goal was an object lesson in tactics. A penalty was awarded for "hands" when Thompson shot, after the second half had been in progress 15 minutes. Riddell took the shot and hit the bar, and the ball came out for Simms to kick over to Bassett. The winger, with Simms and Butcher, went clean through, and before Lansdale, who had come out of his goal, could recover, BUTCHER scored cleverly. Millwall went all out, and, following a scuffle in the goal-mouth, THOMPSON equalised. There was a fine struggle right to the end, but Luton held out well.

Bailey kept goal in admirable fashion, and his backs were clean and powerful. The best man on the side, however, was Walker, who played a grand game, and Thompson got precious few chances. Foster was strong, and Roe a clever footballer. In the forward line Simms did not seem able to get going well, and the left wing was the more dangerous, although Bassett and Higginbotham did well.