

Luton Draw At Merthyr

HOW THE RE-ARRANGED FORWARD LINE FARED.

Luton Town accomplished a good performance in bringing a point away from Merthyr on Saturday. They deserved to do so by reason of their fine defence, for they had the misfortune to lose the services of Danskin soon after the interval, and although he remained to finish the game, he was a passenger.

Our special correspondent at the match says that Merthyr had the better of the game, which was vigorously contested, Gibbon having much more work than Lindon, and making several fine saves. On the other hand, the Town had chances, and Lindon's goal had a very lucky escape indeed, Roe putting over when the goal-keeper was well away from his charge. A similar affair occurred once in the Town goal area, E. Turner doing the same as did Roe. Graham also suffered injury in the second half, but the team showed grit and determination, and the home forwards were claimed to have scored when Gibbon brought off an extraordinary save and the home vanguard were trying to force him over the line.

So far as the experimental forward line was concerned, and in which Luton's supporters were much interested, there was not much chance of proving its quality. Naturally, Anderson could not get into his stride at once, and when he was beginning to settle down, the hurt to Danskin weighed heavily upon the line, with the result that the defence was sorely taxed. For the gallant resistance, the Town deserved their point, and with a team fully fit all through, they might have snatched a victory in the second half. Danskin "pulled" a muscle of his thigh, and may not be playing for a week or two. Hoten was thrustful and energetic, and was closely shadowed by Woodward, but managed to get in one or two good shots. Hoar and Butcher also did well considering the handicap under which they laboured.

The middle line again did magnificent work. Jennings quickly settled down to the right flank position, and has never before played so well in that position. Of course, the Merthyr crowd were none too pleased with their old captain's success against the home left wing, but he did not trouble much about it. Walker and Roe were always playing clever football, and got through an enormous amount of work. Graham and Till did well at back, the latter doing some wonderful work, and Gibbon proved once more that on his day he is a really good keeper.

The home team were best served by Ferrans, Woodward, and E. Turner.

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MERTHYR.—Lindon; Partridge, Ferrans; Thomas, Woodward, Nash; Fisher, Turner (H.), Turner (E.), Arblaster, Morgan.

LUTON.—Gibbon; Graham, Till; Jennings, Walker, Roe; Hoar, Anderson, Hoten, Butcher, Danskin.

Referee.—Mr. D. H. Asson, West Bromwich.