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SWINDON SCORE TWICE IN LAST FIVE MINUTES.

At Swindon on Saturday.

SWINDON TOWN 3 goals
LUTON TOWN 2 goals

SWINDON.—Randall; Dickenson, Weston; Cooper, Bew, Rogers; Denyer, Ruddlestin, Daniel, Johnson, Davies.

LUTON.—Orr; Anderson, Till; Walker, Jennings, Graham; Kerr, Butcher, Reid, Hozen, Millar.

Referee.—Mr. W. Musther, London.

Luton Town were unfortunate to lose their game at Swindon, although the "Railwaymen" would have been very unfortunate to forfeit both points, for they suffered a heavy handicap for most of the second half, when they were deprived of the services of their centre-half, Bew. The match was one of the most closely contested games seen at Swindon this season, and probably the fact that the positions of the clubs depended upon the result was responsible for the determined character of the play, which, however, was never unsatisfactory. It was

HARD LUCK

for Luton to be beaten in the last three or four minutes of the game, but Swindon suffered a like fate at Luton last year, and so they could hardly grudge Swindon the luck that came their way.

The skies threatened to come undone long before the referee called the players off the ground owing to a violent storm of hail and sleet that swept the ground and almost shrouded the players from view. This was in the first half, when Swindon were having the better of the game, but when play was resumed on a pitch that was dotted with little ponds, Luton showed their liking for the conditions, and were the better side. They swung the ball about to good purpose, and kept the home halves and backs on the run by reason of

SUPERIOR SPEED

and stamina. It was well for Swindon that they had the lead early on, before Luton settled down. Luton had been on the defensive chiefly when the goal came, and Anderson and Jennings were promi-

REID AGAIN BAGS A BRACE.

(By "SIGNALLER.")

nent in breaking attacks, but neither those players nor Orr could be blamed when DANIEL opened the score. Bew initiated the movement, and Johnson, finding that Daniel was better placed for a shot, transferred to him, and the centre-forward drove in from near the limit of the penalty area, and the ball found a billet in the net.

Luton put more life into the game, and Randall did well to save

A GREAT DRIVE

from Kerr, but the home team found Orr some work, and he saved grandly at close quarters from Daniel. After the home goal had experienced a narrow escape through a mistake by Hoten, the storm caused a cessation, but when play was restarted Luton forced the game into Swindon's quarters, and had their forwards been as intelligent in combination as the home quintets, they must have taken the lead. All their efforts were frustrated by Randall and his backs, who played finely, and the goalkeeper once brought off a thrilling save from Hoten, and later he got away grand efforts by Reid and Kerr. So at the interval the score stood:—

SWINDON 1
LUTON TOWN 0

The players did not leave the field at the interval, and the second half was Luton's, and the home goal had many narrow escapes, especially after Bew retired. Reid was well served by his colleagues, and frequently dashed between the backs, and it was largely owing to

the wisdom of Weston that the score was kept down, for Dickenson did not seem able to check the forceful raids of Hoten and Millar, and the ball was always running well from these to the centre-forward. REID it was scored the equaliser, for he at last got the better of the defenders in a great dash on his own and finished with a shot that Randall never had a chance of saving. Thus encouraged, the visitors exerted severe pressure, and following a mishap that caused Bew's retirement, Reid was heading strongly for goal, when Dickenson brought him down unfairly, and a penalty kick was promptly awarded. REID was entrusted with the kick, and he scored with ease. It appeared to be Luton's game, when, four minutes from time, Denyer won a corner and placed the kick beautifully for ROGERS to equalise. Immediately the home right wing came again, and DENYER shot hard across. Walker, trying to clear, saw the ball skid of him past Orr into the net and so gave Swindon the victory.

It was very hard luck to be beaten in this fashion, but it will be remembered that Swindon were leading by 2-1 three minutes from the end of their game at Luton last season, and then went under.

Owing to an attack of influenza Hoar was unable to play, and his absence necessitated a re-arrangement of the side.

The Luton players should have won, for on the whole they were the better side. Their forwards were not so nicely together as the "Railwaymen," but they were very clever individually all along the line, and Reid gave a very fine exhibition. The others were about level, but their finishing was atrocious. The halves were strong spoilers, all doing good work, with Jennings the most powerful, and the backs, although on the small side, were skilful. Orr had less work than Randall, but did it well.

Randall, Weston, Rogers, Denyer, Johnson and Davies were the pick of Swindon.

The attendance did not reach 4,000.