

LUTON LOSE AGAIN.

Poor Play at Charlton.

(By "CRUSADER").

Luton Town failed to maintain the form that gained them a point at Norwich, for although there were only two goals in the game at Charlton, both went to the home club, who might have had many more but for unsteadiness in front of goal after fast and clever forward play. Rees scored both goals, the first going into the net off Anderson, and the second being a header from a flag-kick. Very seldom did the Town appear likely to score, and the home side had much the better of the game in each half. They were more adept in all phases of the game, and particularly in the understanding forward, and between the middle and forward lines. There was real scheming in their approach work, and a lot of craft in their rearguard tactics, added to which were speed and stamina. In no phase of the game did the Town surpass their opponents, and for the most part the game was waged in the Luton territory.

Brookes did good work on many occasions, but was not wholly safe, and was fortunate to escape with only two goals against him. Graham was the better back, Anderson never getting going properly until the second half. The middle men were outpaced, and as the home halves backed up the forwards well, the Town halves had all their work cut out to keep the score down. The chief error in this department was the inability to frustrate those old but profitable methods of swinging the ball well out to the wings. Most of the raids came by way of touch-line sprints following wide passes by Rees, who led the line with capital judgment and intelligence. Of the Town forwards little can be said except that they did not make the best use of the ball when they got it. They often beat the home halves, but fell before the cleverness of Burton, who played a brainy game all through. Combination was almost entirely missing, and shots at goal were so rare that Preedy had an easy afternoon.

Quite a nice little coterie of supporters followed the Town, but they were keenly disappointed over the result, and everybody had to admit that the Athletic were good value for their success.

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CHARLTON.—Preedy; Burton, Herod; Smith, Bowers, Armitage; Thomson, Haley, Rees, Briggs, Cox.

LUTON.—Brookes; Anderson, Graham; Mills, Jennings, Roe; Brown, Butcher, Kerr, Hoten, Dennis.

Referee: Mr. J. E. Head, West Bromwich.