

# LUTON TOWN DRAW.

## Honours Even in Keen Game at Merthyr.

(By "CRUSADER").

It was a fine performance on the part of Luton Town to bring a point from Merthyr Town. It was a repetition of last year's game, inasmuch as there was not a goal scored. At least, that was the official ruling, but the Town players are unanimous in the view that the goal scored by Reid was a good one, and should not have been disallowed. This was in the second half, when the Town were well on top. Brown centred from the line near the corner flag, and all the players affirm that it was a pass back, Reid being well behind the ball when he received and put it into the net. Captain Prince-Cox decided against, and so the points were shared. Nevertheless, the Town had the better chances, and should have won. George Butcher missed a gilt-edged chance when he sent over the bar with the goalkeeper and backs on the ground and an empty goal before him. Reid had made the opening, for the goalkeeper had dashed out and the shot rebounded from him. Unfortunately, the ball rose from the ground as Butcher kicked, and thence the inside right put it over the bar. It was the best chance of the game.

Merthyr had their chances, chiefly in the first half, when they had the better of the exchanges, and once Arblaster sent wide when he had the goal at his mercy.

It was a good, keen game, in which the Town played as good football in midfield as in any game this season, but the inside forwards were at fault. Brookes made several fine saves, and Anderson and Graham did splendid service after a rather shaky start. The middle line maintained their improvement, and Jennings thoroughly mastered the opposing centre-forward, and did much good work, while Mills and Millar gave of their best. The forward play was good, the wingers showing speed and good centreing, and the inside men distributed the ball to advantage, but the marksmanship was poor.

Merthyr have a useful side, but after a good start they had to play second fiddle, and their defenders were often hard pressed.

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| MERTHYR ..... | 0 |
| LUTON .....   | 0 |

MERTHYR.—Lindon; Phillips, Ferrans; Smith, Southway, Nash; Watts, Turner (H.), Roberts, Arblaster, Sillito.

LUTON TOWN.—Brookes; Anderson, Graham; Mills, Jennings, Millar; Hoar, Butcher, Reid, Dennis, Brown.

Referee: Captain A. Prince-Cox, Barnes