

TWO PENALTY KICKS

HELP LUTON TOWN TO GET A POINT.

Swindon's Bid for Victory.

(By "CRUSADER.")

Yet again disappointment was the lot of supporters of Luton Town on Saturday. After having much the better of the general play, the Town could only effect a draw with Swindon Town at Luton. The game was keenly contested, for the visitors, while having difficulty in keeping the Town at bay, were always dangerous in attack, and twice they took the lead through opportunism. Denyer got the only goal of the first half, consequent upon a clever effort in which Johnston and Richardson were associated. The ball was flicked across goal, and Till went to meet it, but it twisted away from him, and DENYER scored comfortably. The Town had plenty of chances, but they failed in front of goal, and it was not until the second half that the equaliser came as the result of a great effort by Dennis. The winger made a brilliant run and shot, Randall saving at full length, but failing to get the ball away. Shankly and Mackey were trying to get the ball, when the former was fouled by Weston, and a penalty kick was awarded. DENNIS took the kick and beat Randall with a terrific shot. The Town had a lot the better of the exchanges in midfield, and Randall made some fine saves, but in the main the home forwards were slow and inaccurate in marksmanship. Then came another shock for the Town. A fierce rally by the "Railwaymen" was frustrated by Brookes, who twice saved in thrilling fashion, but a corner kick followed. This was got away by Jennings, but Bew, who was standing on the fringe of a crowd of players, took a shot. The Town goalkeeper appeared to expect Anderson to get the ball away, but the latter did not get near it, and when Brookes dived he was late. The ball struck the post and came to JOHNSTON, who had only to tap it into the net. The Town made many attacks after this, but always failed at the crucial moment. Then when there seemed no prospect of escaping defeat, Weston foolishly handled the ball as Reid passed to the right wing, and another penalty kick was awarded. DENNIS again took the kick and once more gave Randall no chance to prevent a goal. The closing stages were not so interesting, for the defences were well on top, and the end came with the scores level.

While not exactly the acme of skilful football, the game was pleasant and interesting, and fought out in excellent temper apart from one or two minor incidents. Brookes had not a lot to do, but had quite as many difficult shots as Randall, although the home forwards had the more chances. Anderson was not at his best, but in the main he kicked and tackled well. Till could hardly be blamed for the first goal, and he was in good form. The halves were the backbone of the side, and all of them played well, except for the flank men allowing too much scope to the opposing wingers. Of the forwards, Dennis and Shankly were the most useful, and they got through a lot of work, but Reid, while doing many clever things in the way of opening up the way for Dennis, was very slow in front of goal, and Kerr was not well supported. Shankly was good and fully justified his inclusion, and Mackey did one or two clever things without striking terror to the heart of Weston.

For Swindon, Randall was safe, and his backs played strong and resolute football. The halves were hard to beat, and of the forwards, Richardson and Johnston were the most effective.

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LUTON.—Brookes; Anderson, Till; Mills, Jennings, Millar; Mackey, Shankly, Kerr, Reid, Dennis.