

A Point From Wales.

Luton Draw at Aberdare.

The Town team brought off another good performance away from home on Saturday, for in visiting Aberdare Athletic they were up against a club in equally desperate straits, and eager to win. The ground was in terrible condition, and play suffered thereby.

"Doric" writes:—

Luton better adapted themselves to the conditions, and in some respects Aberdare, although having slightly the better of the game territorially, were fortunate to retain a point. Luton made a strong claim to have registered a goal when Thomson scraped the ball out following a determined effort by the Luton vanguard, in which Brown beat the defence, and the ball was sent in. Thomson dived, but the Luton forwards made vehement appeals that the ball was over the line.

The referee, however, was not satisfied that the ball was over, and he rightly gave the benefit of the doubt to the defenders. He allowed two goals. The first was scored by Aberdare from a free kick, and was tinged with luck. A free kick was taken by Brophy from outside the penalty area, and by an obtrusive foot the ball was deflected from the reach of Brookes. Luton's equaliser came from DENNIS just before the interval. Brown had made a capital run, and Kerr bothered Codd so that Dennis had the opportunity and beat Thomson all ends up.

In the second half, Luton were hard pressed in the early stages, but they assumed the upper hand as the game wore on, and eventually had hard lines in not carrying off the honours. Still, on the whole, a draw was a pretty fair indication of the merits of the teams.

Both goalkeepers did splendid things, Thomson because of the shaky defenders in front of him, and Brookes because of the smartness of the home attack. The Luton backs quite outshone the home pair, for they were steadier, tackled better and kicked with more judgment. In the middle line honours were shared by the pivots, Brophy and Jennings, and the latter was a great factor in frustrating the cleverly executed movements of the home forwards. Mills was a much better right half than Burgess, but Millar and Sheldon were about equal. The forward work showed Aberdare as the cleverer controllers, but not so thrustful and strong as Luton. The outside wingers had an advantage over their colleagues, for they operated on the best bit of ground. The centre of the field was no better than a bog, and time after time the ball stuck. James and Young both played grand football, and gave much trouble, and Jones was a good inside forward. For Luton, Brown, well fed by Dennis, was in capital form, and the pair of them gave a lot of trouble, but all the Luton forwards showed speed and dash, and on a better pitch would probably have beaten the home defence many times.

The conditions were very uncomfortable, and the attendance was under 3,000.

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ABERDARE.—Thomson; Codd, Brooke; Burgess, Brophy, Sheldon; Young, Metcalfe, Smith, Jones, James.

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

Referee: Mr. E. Pinckston, Birmingham.