

HEAVY BLOW FOR LUTON TOWN.

JENNINGS BADLY INJURED AT BRISTOL.

A PLUCKY STRUGGLE.

(By "BRISTOLIAN.")

BRISTOL CITY 5 goals

LUTON TOWN 1 goal

BRISTOL CITY.—Vallis; Hughes, Glenn; Neesam, Davies, Torrance; Gilhespy, Keating, Walsh, Pocock, Kirk.

LUTON.—Purdy; Graham, Till; Richards, Jennings, Millar; Miller, Shankly, Love, Thompson, Dennis.

Referee.—A. W. Lamacroft, Exeter.

All praise to Luton Town for a very gallant fight under a stunning blow before the whole of the players had got warm. This was the loss of Jennings. The game was only seven minutes old, but he had already proved his value, and Luton were surprising the home team and the crowd by swift, eager thrusts at goal. The ground, in spite of a liberal use of sand—many tons having been used—was very hard, and although no club could have taken better steps to neutralise the slipperiness, some falls were unavoidable. The mishap to Jennings was a pure accident. He had held up the home forwards, and a swinging pass put his left wing away, when he slipped, and

KEATING, who neatly headed through a good centre from Kirk, after the latter had made a nice run. A little later Keating cleverly worked an opening for POCOCK, who beat Purdy with a fast low shot.

This was the score at the interval, but it must not be assumed that Luton were idle. Vallis had quite enough work to satisfy himself, and his best was brought into action by hard shots from Thompson and Love, and the dash of these two nearly converted good work by the Luton right wing.

In the second half Luton felt even more severely the absence of their captain, and so the City had much the better of the game. Very soon a rush by KEATING and Walsh ended in the former scoring, although there appeared to be some ground for the complaint of the visitors against Walsh for his obstruction of Till. Luton went into the contest with renewed spirit after this, and the right wing especially gave a lot of trouble. Still the movement from which they succeeded came from the combined effort of the whole of the line. The earnest Thompson found himself in position, and he dropped the ball nicely over to MILLER, who shot into the net, Vallis having no chance.

The City were roused by this reverse, and they put on hot pressure. The depleted Luton side rose to the occasion and fought back with great vigour, and the crowd had begun to move to the exits before a further goal came. Then WALSH got the reward of much enterprising work, and a minute later the home forwards attacked again, and KIRK scored the fifth goal. The Luton players made strenuous appeals for offside in each of these goals, and there certainly appeared to be a big element of doubt, but the referee would not listen. The end came without further score.

To attempt a prediction of what the result would have been had Luton been able to retain full strength would be unwise, but if they could have travelled for 90 minutes as well as they did for the first 10 minutes, the City would not have won. There was a vigour and enthusiasm about the Luton play that caused a lot of anxiety, and often the home backs got rattled in the face of persistent attacks. The Luton defence, as was natural, had a heavy burden thrust upon it by the defection of Jennings, and in making so much of the success of Keating local supporters overlooked the fact that he was favourably placed through the departure of the Luton pivot, who had proved a tough opponent for Walsh and his confreres in the opening stages. Purdy was a great goalkeeper, and won

MUCH APPLAUSE

by his fine saves, his judgment being splendid and his hands very safe. Graham and Till did many good things, but Purdy was none too well guarded against the dashing Walsh's rushes, and there were times when Till was rather slow, and he should have used his weight more. Richards did very well, and he gave a lot of help to Dennis, who played a gallant game as Jennings' deputy, but his best work was in attack, and the strength was required in defence. Millar played well for an hour, but afterwards fell away a good deal. The best forward was Thompson, who was always foraging for work, and he played wholeheartedly on the left wing. He made a capital run to get the opening from which the Luton goal came. Miller had the honour of netting, but the work was Thompson's. Love was

A STRENUOUS WORKER.

He was not so clever as Walsh, perhaps, but his forceful play kept the home backs on the alert all the time, and Vallis had to keep his eyes wide open on many occasions. Shankly and Miller did much good work, but the latter was disinclined to take risks, and several times they played too closely, or they might have done much better.

For the home side Vallis was a safe goalkeeper, and the backs kicked well at times. Torrance was the best of the halves, and in the forward line none excelled Kirk.

There were 9,000 spectators, and Luton would agree that the crowd dealt very fairly with them.

JENNINGS' INJURY.



We are informed that a doctor attended to Jennings' injury at Bristol. Much against his will the Town captain was ordered to keep off the field. A medical examination on Saturday night revealed serious strain, and arrangements have been made for Jennings' removal to the Bute Hospital, where he will undergo an operation. It is feared that he will be out of the game for two months, at least, and in view of the Cup-tie at Aberdare on Saturday, this appears to be an irreparable loss to the Town.

it was evident that he had sustained severe hurt. He was assisted to the dressing room, and that was the last that was seen of him on the field of play. It was a crushing blow, for it placed Luton at a great disadvantage against a side that had been strengthened by the inclusion of Keating, an inside-right transferred at a good fee from Newcastle United.

Dennis came into the pivotal position, but this naturally weakened the attack, and Bristol took full toll of the misfortunes of their guests. Nevertheless, the depleted side fought tremendously hard, and had quite a good share of the play. Indeed, the game was 35 minutes' old before a goal came, and it was credited to