

LINESMAN'S AWARD.

HOW PLYMOUTH BEAT LUTON.

Dour Defence.

(BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1 Goal
LUTON TOWN Nil
PLYMOUTH.—Craig; Coagrove, Russell;
Preston, McKenzie, Hardie; Matthews,
Forbes, Logan, Leslie, Black.
LUTON.—Harper; Richards, Till; Black,
Rennie, Millar; Pointon, Reid, Thompson,
Woods, Dennis.

Referee: A. J. Attwood, Newport.
Twelve months ago Luton Town went to Plymouth and lost by the odd goal of seven. They claimed that a bad decision robbed them of a point, for the ball was never over the goal-line when the referee, toiling in the middle of the field, was a long way from the scene as a Luton defender kicked the ball away after his goalkeeper, well out of goal, was beaten. On Saturday, in their last game of the season, they had equally hard luck, and most vehemently protested against a penalty kick being given against them just before the end. This kick was taken by McKENZIE, who beat Harper, and thus gave the Argyle the points.

The Luton players, to a man, protested against the decision, and they said that the referee admitted that he did not see Rennie handle the ball at all, but that he took the linesman's signal. Rennie and his colleagues say that the ball hit him on the chin, and there was not any sort of handling at all. They felt that they were most unjustly penalised.

STRONG DEFENCE.

The game went very much in favour of the Argyle from a territorial standpoint, but the Luton halves and backs defended

so well that the home forwards were seldom given an opportunity to shoot at a clear opening.

On the other hand, the home goal had some narrow escapes when Thompson and Reid were on the spot, and one glorious effort by the former deserved a goal, only the wind holding the ball just sufficient to enable Craig to get his fingers to it and turn it round the post.

Apart from these incidents, however, there was not a lot of excitement, for the players were beaten by the intense heat, and long before the end of the game, many of them were leg-weary and could hardly raise a gallop.

Luton played quite as soundly as the Argyle, and although their methods were not so attractive in the matter of ball manipulation, they were quite as dangerous when they got away, and several times the 9,000 spectators thought that the Argyle's unbeaten home record would be lost.

Harper kept goal well, and his backs played cool and stubborn football. Black gave a good display against one of the cleverest wings in the country, and his colleagues showed good form. Thompson was the strong man of the attack, his thrusting energy troubling the home backs, while he had a terrific shot in his boots. Woods was very clever, without troubling himself a lot in the second half, and Reid was dangerous at times, while the wingers showed good speed and centred well.

For the Argyle, Russell, Preston, Leslie and Black were the pick.