

FOOTBALL.

LUTON LOSE LAST LEAGUE GAME.

Late Penalty Kick Decides.

In their last game of the season, played at Plymouth on Saturday, Luton Town had very hard luck. Only two or three minutes remained for play when the only goal of the match came from a penalty kick taken by McKENZIE.

The Luton players protested strongly, a linesman having held that Rennie handled, but all the Town players declared that the ball hit him on the chin.

A GOOD 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.

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.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1 Goal

LUTON TOWN Nil

PLYMOUTH.—Craig; Cosgrove, 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.