

RANGERS WIN IN SECOND HALF.

AT Shepherd's Bush on Saturday sheer misfortune accounted for LUTON TOWN'S defeat at the hands of QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS. After the many mis-haps the club has suffered we had a right to feel that we would escape further trouble of this kind, yet the game had only been in progress five minutes when Millar strained himself so badly that he had to be carried off, and was absent for ten minutes. He returned to struggle along at outside-left. A quarter of an hour after the interval he was again in the wars, and left the field altogether. Shorn of his services for half the game, and hampered by his comparative helplessness for most of the time, he stuck pluckily to his job. The Town laboured at a severe disadvantage, but put up such a grand fight that they did not deserve to lose. Had the marksmanship been good they would have won. The Rangers played with better intelligence and more co-operation, but so determined were the Town players that most of the schemes of the home team fell to dust, and the goals they obtained were of a vicarious character. In the first half the Town had much the better of the exchanges, and frequently appeared likely to score, but only one goal was registered, and that by YARDLEY, who headed through a centre from Millar.

The equalising goal came from a shot when Richards was tackling JOHNSON, and the forward shot the ball between his opponent's legs: Abbott was unsighted and the ball passed before he was aware.

In the second half the Rangers played better, and scored once before Millar's retirement, BURNS again finding the net with a shot that travelled safely among a crowd of opponents, hit the farther post and glanced into the net. The third goal came following a blunder by Kingham, who passed the ball in front of his own goal, when he should have let it go out, after keeping the man off, and LOFTHOUSE, who had slipped into the middle snapped it up before Abbott could get it, and shot into the vacant net. Many chances were missed by the Town forwards, Yardley, Rennie and Pointon all being at fault before DENNIS scored a magnificent goal, the goalkeeper getting his hands to a shot that carried too much pace for him to parry effectively.

The game was notable for the grand defensive work of Richards, that of Dennis as a substitute half-back when Millar got hurt, and of Woods in the attack. Abbott was not so safe as usual, though one could not blame him for the goals. Ramage did well at half, though he was slow, and Yardley was a hard worker but an indifferent marksman.

Result:

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS 3

LUTON TOWN 2

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.—Woodward; Price, Young; Neil, Eggleton, Duthie; Stephenson, Burns, Rounce, Johnson, Loft-house.

LUTON TOWN. — Abbott; Kingham, Richards; Reynolds, Ramage, Millar; Pointon, Yardley, Rennie, Woods, Dennis.

Referee.—Mr. F. W. Reeve, Devonport.