

LUTON TOWN'S CUP LUCK.

DEFENCE TAKE HONOURS IN DRAW AT FULHAM.

(By "CLAUDIUS").

LUTON TOWN accomplished a good performance at Craven Cottage, on Saturday, when they forced the powerful FULHAM side to a draw. Naturally, Fulham were keenly disappointed, and so were most of the sporting writers of the London Press. Fulham were the cleverer side, but Cup ties are not always won by cleverness alone, and the Town players manfully stood up to the disadvantage of the ground draw, and deserve every credit for compelling a replay.

The early play suggested that the Town forwards were going to have an important part in the game, but after a few attacks they faded away a good deal, and for most of the half, apart from a few fast raids, play was a grim tussle between the Town halves and backs and the skilful and fleet-footed Fulham forwards. The Town were fortunate that the fine foot-work in midfield was not followed up with good shooting, and many chances were missed. When Price did find the net with a capital shot, Avey interfered with the play from an offside position, and the point was disallowed.

The Luton supporters had many thrills, and they breathed a sigh of relief when the half-time whistle sounded with the score sheet blank.

Luton resumed as though they meant to retrieve their reputation as a goal-scoring side, but soon fizzled out against the determined defence offered by Rosier and Barrett, and Fulham were soon attacking again. They still failed in finishing powers, however, and when Barrett was injured and had to go to the extreme left, the other flank men falling back a position each Luton had much more of the game. However, they

were unable to force home their attacks, and the only occasion they appeared likely to score was when Bedford, following a grand effort, beat Mason all ends up, but his shot struck the upright and rebounded. Rennie got the ball into the net, but was offside, and the game went on in a more or less unpleasant fashion to a goalless finish.

The honours lay with the Town rear-guard, where all three played finely. Abbott made good saves when necessary, but should have been beaten on several occasions. Kingham was a grand back, and Harris again played up to the high standard he has set, and wore the captain's mantle with success. The middle line did well on the whole. Fulton put up a rousing game, and Dennis was not far behind, while Black was often clever, but he tired perceptibly before the finish, owing to the running about he was given by a clever wing. Of the forwards, Bedford was easily the pick. Yardley did not shape so well as he does on the other wing, and Daly and Roe worked hard without doing much damage. Rennie had few chances, but he was not well supported, and when he got the ball the home defenders took good care that he was under supervision.

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FULHAM. — Mason; Rosier, Barrett; Steele, Oliver, Lawson; Temple, Haley, Avey, Price, Penn.

LUTON. — Abbott; Kingham, Harris; Black, Fulton, Dennis; Daly, Roe, Rennie, Yardley, Bedford.

Referee.—W. J. Lewington, Croydon.

There were 19,872 paid for admission, and the receipts were £1,162.