

Weakened Town Beaten By Leicester And Millwall

[By Chiltern]

The Town gained no addition to their total of League points from their two matches during the week-end. With an experimental forward line they lost their 100 per cent. home record to Leicester City on Saturday. Further weakened by injuries to Steen and Sanderson and still without Billington and Daniel, they provided Millwall with their first win of the season at the Den on Monday.

MILLWALL 2
Anderson (pen.), Fenton.

LUTON TOWN 0

This was the first match this season in which the Town have failed to score, and I always had the feeling that a goal at any time during the first 80 minutes would have meant that they would have had one point at least.

The nearest they came to doing so was when Connelly netted, but had the point disallowed on the grounds of offside.

The Town were the better of two moderate sides, but were badly handicapped during the last half-hour by an injury to Connelly, who was carried off the field following a heavy tackle by Brolly.

He took no further part in the match, but, even so, Millwall had to fight hard to hold on to the slender lead of one goal which they had gained from a penalty converted by ANDERSON after two minutes.

The referee decided that Gager had fouled Anderson, but although the centre-forward went down, I saw no suspicion of foul play.

NO PUNCH IN ATTACK

Luton fought back, but even before the mishap to Connelly they had not the necessary punch in attack. Only Driver, making his debut, and to a lesser extent, Connelly, were persistently dangerous.

The young right wing, Bates and Hacking, never got going, and Waugh was much below his usual standard.

The culmination of a day of misfortunes came 11 minutes from the end, when Duke allowed the ball to bounce over his head into the net after FENTON had shot from close to the half-way line.

Millwall were fortunate winners, but Luton had their chances.

It was good to see the defence in such dominating form. Gager was the outstanding figure on the field, and the others presented a solid front.

Lake and Beach formed an effective partnership and both kicked admirably. Soo and Cooke were great workers, and broke up many attacks.

Duke spoilt an otherwise good display by his mistake, though really he did not have a lot to do.

MILLWALL.—Burke; Dudley, Tyler; Bradley, Brolly, Kelly; Johnson, Ford, Anderson, Fenton, Mansfield.

LUTON TOWN.—Duke; Lake, Beach; Soo, Gager, Cooke; Bates, Hacking, Driver, Connelly, Waugh.