

Merrick could not stop Luton

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Luton T. 3, Birmingham C. 0

LUCKY for Birmingham Merrick is not worried by mud. His brilliant work in goal saved City from a crushing defeat.

Best of his four outstanding saves came before there was any score. Brown shot with all his force from ten yards' range, but Merrick fisted the ball to safety.

He was the lone star in a Birmingham side thrown out of gear by the sticky surface and the thrusts of Luton's clever inside forwards, Turner and Cummins.

City's wing halves, Watts and Larkin, could seldom have had a less distinguished game.

Merrick brilliantly kept the lively raiders at bay until seven minutes before the interval when Turner scored from close range.

A minute after the interval Turner, helped by a miskick by Watts, put Luton further ahead. Their third came ten minutes later.

McLeod cleverly shot through a crowded goal area after a long lob had eluded Merrick's outstretched fist.
