

JUSTICE WAS NOT SERVED

By Chiltern

**MILLWALL 3,
LUTON TOWN 0**

THERE was not really a lot of justice about this Boxing Day result because, the muddy pitch at The Den, they were in the process of giving their opponents a real fright early in the second half when, suddenly, Millwall broke away to score.

TERRY it was who turned the game by nipping in quickly to seize a through pass from Cripps and bang the ball into the back of the net before Tinsley could come out.

When that happened, Millwall could well have been in arrears, because Stepney made great saves from McKechnie, Pacey and McGuffie, and should have been beaten by O'Rourke, who lifted the ball just too high from close in.

However, as has happened all too often away from home this season, the Town's chance of gaining any reward virtually disappeared when they went into arrears.

Gaining confidence from their goal, Millwall shook off the grip the Town had obtained and, in the end, they reaped three goals in a spell of 16 minutes.

Second came from JONES, who shot under the diving Tinsley, and

12 minutes from the end Haverty, who had been a constant source of danger, literally banged the ball into the roof of the net from close in.

In the first half there could have been goals to both teams, and the Town could point to a certain amount of bad luck.

As when Snowden cleared off the line, efforts by Jardine and Lownds, and McGuffie made the sort of shot with which he was entitled to expect to score, but Stepney made an astounding save.

On the other hand, Millwall, who were a little more direct than the Town, had their moments, too, and Bramwell twice cleared off the goal-line when all seemed lost.

STRANGE-LOOKING ATTACK

Injuries and illness, which deprived them of the services of four forwards, forced the Town to field a strange-looking forward line.

Although they achieved more shooting than has been the case in most away matches this season, it was mainly from McKechnie and McGuffie and there was little real balance about the line.

Put in at inside-left, Lownds was a failure and Fairchild had a thin time on the right wing. While Jardine fought hard enough, he did not get the ball across consistently and O'Rourke was a willing worker who found difficulty in relaxing the grip which Snowden obtained.

Pacey, Fincham and Bramwell stood out in a defence that seemed to be heading for a blank sheet until Terry's snap goal. McGuffie did a capable job in attack, but tended to leave gaps and Morton was never happy against the clever Haverty.

There were some fine saves from Tinsley, but I could not escape the feeling that he should have been able to have done more about the first two goals.

MILLWALL: Stepney; Gilchrist, Cripps; Anderson, Snowden, Wilson; Finnegan, Townend, Terry, Jones, Haverty.

LUTON TOWN: Tinsley; Morton, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, McGuffie; Fairchild, McKechnie, O'Rourke, Lownds, Jardine.

Referee: J. E. Cooke, Cambridgeshire.

Attendance: 7,732.