

LUTON v. NORWICH CITY.

Played at Luton, before 6,000 people yesterday afternoon, the result being a goalless draw. The home side were the superior all the way through, but bad shooting and lack of luck prevented their obtaining more than one league point

Teams:—

LUTON.—Platt; Watkins and McCurdy; Jones, White and R. Hawkes; Rigate, F. Hawkes, Rankin, Moody and Walders.

NORWICH.—Roney; Newlands and McEwen; Hutchinson, Bushell and Whiteman; Muir, Taylor, Young, Smith and Allsopp.

Referee: Mr. J. T. Ibbotson (Derby).

Norwich kicked off. At the start Luton had the better of matters, and Rankin directed a fine shot behind as the result of a clever forward pass by Bob Hawkes. At the other end Young just missed an accurate swinging centre from Muir. The Canaries strove hard, and for a while did most of the attacking, until Young headed just behind from Allsopp.

Receiving from Bob, Fred Hawkes went very close to scoring, Roney robbing him and clearing only just in time. Moody presented Walders with a splendid chance, but he slipped at the fatal moment and kicked the ball behind. From a centre by Walders Rigate passed to Fred Hawkes, who shot well while the goalie was out. The ball landed in the net on the wrong side, but it was such a close thing that the crowd was deceived into thinking Luton and drawn first blood, and cheered before they found out their mistake. Fred Hawkes suffered hard luck when he struck the post with a lightning shot as the result of a well-placed middle by Walders. ...

The Luton forwards went up in a line by fine combination and Moody dropped in a neat shot which Roney did well to save. A corner—wrongly given, by the way—taken by Rigate, was headed just past the post by Moody, providing another instance of Luton's poor luck. The ball was very lively and its trickiness often deceived both sets of players. Rankin aimed a fine shot at the target, but Roney got in the way and saved well. Moody's head sent another attempt over the bar. A centre by Walders was placed by Fred Hawkes an inch or so on the outside of the post.

Roney collared the ball off Rankin's toes when a middle from Rigate came flying across to him. Receiving a good clearance by Watkins, Rankin put in a splendid shot that the custodian caught. A fiery fast one from Tommy Allsopp gave Platt a little trouble, while at the other end Moody aimed a foot too high. The interval arrived with no goals scored, though Luton had been good value for two points.

The first shot of the second half came from Moody, from whom Roney saved well. The goalie saved on the post from Rigate and Luton were immediately penalised for fouling him while he had possession of the ball. A long shot by Walders was helped just over the bar by Moody's head. Fred Hawkes got in a grand shot while the City backs were in difficulties, but the custodian saved finely. White missed his kick and as a result Platt had to save a hot one from Muir. A moment later Allsopp banged wildly over when excellently placed. A fine attempt by Young went within an ace of giving the Canaries the lead.

Roney brought off a splendid save from Rigate close in. Smith came into the crowd's disfavour for unnecessarily charging White into the fence surrounding the pitch. Time after time the Norwich goal was in danger, but on each occasion the backs dashed in at the critical moment, and on many occasions saved by kick rather than by judgment. McEwen handled inside the fatal area but the referee refused to give a penalty after consultation with one of the linesmen. Platt stopped one from Allsopp, but a second from the foot of the same player sailed over the bar. The end came without any score.