

ANOTHER HOME DEFEAT.

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After Luton's fine victory at Gillingham, the home defeat against Reading on Wednesday came as a great disappointment. What made it the more tantalising was the fact that Luton showed better form than the visitors and were on top practically all through the game. The inside forwards, however, failed to take the numerous chances offered, whereas Reading scored two goals in which there was a great element of luck. Luton again had to make changes in the team. Wileman was unable to play through an injury received last Saturday, and his place was taken by Roe, while in the half-back line Frith re-appeared at centre-half, with Johnson in place of Bob Hawkes. Luton's defeat must not be wholly attributed to these changes, although there is no doubt that the half-back line was considerably weakened by them. Frith did very little at centre-half, and there can be little doubt that the best intermediate line would consist of Johnson in the centre, with the two Hawkes on either wing.

Roe made a very creditable debut with the first team, his passing being clever and well thought out. There is a lot of good football in Roe, but he lacks Wileman's opportunism, and this was what was wanted on Wednesday. Up to a certain point Lindley was one of the best forwards on the field, but he was a little unsteady towards the close, when circumstances forced all the desperate attempts for an equaliser to his side of the field. If Rollinson plays as well as he did on Wednesday he will not be dropped again, and Simms also played well at centre-forward. The strongest feature of the Reading team is the defence, and both backs seemed to play with more confidence than did Elvey and Robinson, notwithstanding the fact that the latter pair were on their best form, Robinson doing better than in any other game this season. The visiting forwards gave only a moderate display, but they occasionally showed glimpses of good form which promised well.