

About ten thousand spectators watched the return game with Watford, at Luton, on Easter Monday, but the football served up was of a very poor description. The probable explanation is that the teams were stale after their strenuous games on Friday and Saturday, for even although they were much the better team, Watford's display fell far below championship form. The visitors made one or two changes from their usual eleven, and although they included the trial of two reserve half-backs, these changes came off trumps. Bob Hawkes was absent from the Luton team owing to a strained thigh received at Watford, and Heath figured in his place. For a quarter of an hour there was very little between the teams, and the football was fast and exciting. Both goals had some narrow escapes. On one occasion Mitchell cleared when Waterall ran clean through the defence, but soon afterwards some faulty work by Elvey resulted in F. Gregory scoring an easy goal. At the other end Simms was presented with a similar opportunity through mistakes by the defence, but he shot straight at the goalkeeper.

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If the centre forward had scored, a different tale might have to be written, but he missed his chance and when shortly afterwards Edmonds put Watford two ahead the game was as good as over. The visiting halves were playing so splendidly that the Luton forwards could do nothing. The wing men were carefully watched, and with Simms playing as if he was demoralised nothing would go right for Luton. Dunn and Elvey played splendidly in the second half, and it was owing to this that Watford had to be content with a victory by only two goals. The only likely attempt made by Luton in the second half was when Simms headed against the upright, but even if he had scored it is doubtful whether it would have made much difference. The plain truth is that Luton were soundly beaten, and did not appear in the same class as Watford.