

A VIGOROUS CUP-TIE.

LUTON BEAT FULHAM IN REPLAY AND ENTER THIRD ROUND.

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THE Second Round replayed Cup tie at Luton, where Fulham were the visitors, was a vigorous encounter, which ended in favour of the home team by 4 goals to 1.

Eight thousand people watched the match, which was marred by many ugly incidents that should never have been allowed to occur. The referee administered cautions to several of the players, but without effect, and if he had taken more drastic action no one would have been surprised.

Luton were clearly the superior team and well merited their success. They took charge of the game from the beginning, and never allowed their opponents to settle down to their normal game. Stronger at close quarters and in tackling, they showed sound tactics in plying their strong point, the right wing.

Fulham's Weakness.

Fulham had a decided weakness in the left flank of the defence, where Bird, taking the place of Barrett, was too easily drawn out of position and allowed Daly far too much scope. The home team constantly plied this winger, who took full advantage of the latitude allowed him and created many openings for his colleagues.

The experiment of playing McNab in the Fulham forward line was a failure. He could never take up the correct position, and although he made many attempts to score he never led the line, which, forced to rely upon individual efforts, fell easy prey to the home defence.

The game was conducted at a fast pace throughout, and from the outset the home team took command, opening the scoring in three minutes, Bedford shooting through following clever play by Yardley.

Rennie should have increased the lead shortly after, but shot straight at Mason from a penalty kick awarded for a foul on Roe. Rosier was injured and left the field, and during his absence Roe missed an open goal, but immediately he returned Yardley added the home team's second goal, breasting through a centre by Rennie. This completed the scoring before the interval.

Within five minutes of the resumption Yardley added the third goal, heading through Daly's centre, and 15 minutes later

Rennie made the total four, converting a great pass from Bedford. Toward the close Fulham became much more prominent, and made many dashing attacks, but only once succeeded in penetrating the home defence, Temple shooting through after Abbott had saved magnificently from Price. The end came with the home team handsome winners by four goals to one.

Luton have a really good side, strong in defence and thrustful in attack. Abbott and Kingham were sound and confident, but Harris was the outstanding defender on the field. He gave a magnificent display, never making the semblance of a mistake.

Strong Half-backs.

Black, an erstwhile Sunderland centre-forward, led the way in a strong intermediate division and Daly was the chief raider. Yardley and Roe worked with a will, while Rennie was a capable leader, excelling in first-time passing and shooting.

The Fulham defence had an arduous afternoon, but fought manfully. Mason kept goal exceedingly well and could not be blamed for the defeat, but lacks experience. Bird was outmanoeuvred, and Rosier, after his injury, forced to play at half-pressure. This defence compared unfavourably with the home trio.

The wing-halves, Lawson and Steele, were effective tacklers and sound purveyors, and the former is a highly-promising player, who should quickly develop. Oliver is not yet accustomed to the centre-half position and, although good in attack, wandered too much to fill the the position satisfactorily.

The forwards, badly led, could never make much progress against an uncompromising defence. Price and Haley made many individual efforts without avail, but Penn, with limited opportunities, was the most effective in the line.

Luton, by their convincing victory, qualified to entertain Crystal Palace in the Third Round on Jan. 12.

Luton Town.—Abbott; Kingham and Harris; Black, Fulton and Dennis; Daly, Roe, Rennie, Yardley and Bedford.

Fulham.—Mason; Rosier and Bird; Steele, Oliver and Lawson; Temple, Haley, McNab, Price and Penn.