

NORWICH SURPRISE LUTON.

JIM THOMPSON'S GRAND GOAL.

(BY CRUSADER.)

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LUTON TOWN. — Harford; Kingham, Smith; Clark, Fulton, Fraser; Bedford, Yardley, Rennie, Drinnan, McInnes.
NORWICH. — Jarvie; Hannah, Richmond; Brown, O'Brien, Lockhead; Porter, Thomson (N.), Thompson (J.), Scott, Slicer.

Referee:—Mr. S. L. Stenning, Ilford.

PERHAPS the most surprising thing concerning last night's game was the sangfroid of the 11,000 spectators at the end. Disappointed they were, undoubtedly, but swallowed the pill, and, generally, deferred judgment until conditions change.

Rennie captained the Town, but lost the toss, and the City attacked the Kenilworth-road goal. Play opened tamely enough, a gentle skirmish by the Town being repelled, and when the City left got going Harford had to run out and clear. A rough rush by Fraser to thwart Norman Thomson brought a free kick just outside the penalty area, but Jim Thompson kicked the ground in taking the shot, and Harford easily cleared.

RENNIE HITS THE BAR.

Fraser forestalled Porter, and then Fulton clean missed his kick, but Clark stepped in at the right moment, and passed back for Harford to clear. Fulton got rid of danger when the City persisted on the left. A moment later McInnes muddled nicely to Rennie, who beat Hannah and sent in a great shot, but the ball thudded against the bar.

Slicer and Scott executed a neat movement, Harford punching out when at full stretch, and Porter should have done better than shoot wide.

DRINNAN DOINGS.

The Town halves were continuously at fault hereabout, and were having a lot of ball-chasing to little purpose. When the Town right wing did change the scene, Bedford shot badly. Drinnan, however, initiated a hot attack, and from McInnes' pass Rennie tapped the ball forward to Drinnan, who seemed bound to score, but he tried to get under the bar before shooting, and two or three defenders gathered round him, with the result that his shot was diverted.

WHAT THE CROWD SAID.

Fraser was prominent in a Town advance, and when he sent across the field Clark tried a long shot that sailed harmlessly behind. Rennie picked up a loose ball and was hustling goalwards when Hannah robbed him at the expense of a corner, a loud cry for a penalty being ignored. Jarvie saved a hot shot from Yardley, and another from the same boot hit a defender. Smith jostled Thompson, and was spoken to by the referee, though no free kick was given, and Norman Thomson came in for a word and a free kick was given against him when he fouled Drinnan.

The Town were playing a little better now, and, following another attack, Rennie shot high over the bar. A clever bit of play by Rennie brought another attack, the centre-forward giving to Drinnan, who wanted to dribble too far, with the result that Jarvie and Richmond were in wait, and managed to get in the way, the ball rebounding. Half-time:—

LUTON TOWN 0
NORWICH CITY 0

RENNIE SCORES—

A beautiful pass by Rennie enabled Bedford to sprint, and his centre was accurate, but too fast. Yardley started another movement, but his partner failed to centre. Bedford did better a moment later, however, for a clever and speedy movement, initiated by Clark, brought some close play by Yardley and Rennie, and when the ball was sent to Bedford he returned it just right for RENNIE to shoot first time and beat Jarvie all the

way. This goal came 11 minutes after the interval, and the City at once made desperate attempts to get level. Three corners were forced in quick succession,

—SO DOES JIM THOMPSON.

A spell of mid-field play followed, but the ball was in the air a lot. After 20 minutes had been ticked off, the Town got a surprise. Norman Thomson feinted to the right, and then passed in characteristic fashion inside to JIM THOMPSON, who let fly from over 20 yards range and the ball flashed high into the net away from Harford. It was a great goal, and the crowd showed their appreciation.

The Town were speedily on the move on the re-start.

Porter slipped away on the visitors' right to compel Harford to get down to a fast, low shot. He gathered it, but Jim Thompson almost sat on him, and only rose at the behest of the referee.

The visitors were not afraid of losing their point, and adopted the right tactics to preserve it, the end coming with the score as stated.

The Town rearguard was the best part of the team, though not kicking as well as we would like to see. The conditions were against that. The work of Harford was nearly all that could be desired, and the tackling by the backs was splendid. The middle line was much below form, with the exception of Fraser, who was not surpassed by any half-back, though he made mistakes. The forwards were seldom together in businesslike formation, and there must be very great improvement before matches are won. They worked hard enough, and Rennie was probably the pick. On the face of things there appeared to be need for a lot of ball practice.

There were 10,000 spectators.