

CUP FAREWELL OF ORIENT

LUTON TOWN SUCCEEDED IN REPLAY AT HIGHBURY

TWO "PENALTIES"

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Clapton Orient 2, Luton 4

IT is unfortunate for the Orient that they are out of the English Cup competition and also out of pocket. The Orient were well beaten by Luton yesterday (at Highbury) and they have to pay a certain amount of money out of the £500, or so, receipts to the Arsenal club for rent of ground. It does seem a pity that a good club, down on their luck, should be still further beaten down by circumstance.

Two penalty kicks were given in this game, and, in my opinion, neither was warranted.

When, after half-time, the score was 2-2, a penalty was awarded to Luton. I am sure that if the Clapton defender, whose hand the ball hit, had tried his hardest to get his hand away from the ball he could not have done so. Rennie scored from the spot and made the total of goals 3-2 in his side's favour.

Within a minute of that happening a penalty was given against Luton. In this case a Luton defender ran from behind an Orient man and charged him square on the shoulder. The referee deemed it to be a case for a penalty. It was not. Anyhow, justice was met when Fowler's shot from the spot was saved by Banes. That, however, did not alter the fact that Luton took the



RENNIE (Luton)

lead from a penalty which should not have been given.

Then, when Bryce made a fine pass to Armstrong, and the ex-Hotspur player, with his left foot, screwed the ball into the net and made the score 4-2 in favour of Luton, the result was settled.

In spite of the referee's decisions the result was a good one, for Luton were the better side. They played superior football.

The six goals came this way: Jack (Orient), Rennie (Luton), McNestry (Luton), Cropper (Orient), Rennie (Luton), Armstrong (Luton).

RENNIE'S RECOVERY

Thus did Luton find that Rennie had recovered his scoring form, the absence of which has been the chief fault with Luton for some time. They have got an unusually good outside-left in Bryce. Armstrong is still an artist, as he was when with Chelsea and Tottenham, and Hodgson knows more about kicking a ball from back than most players in his position do.

Fraser has been talked about quite a lot, but I did not think much of his display in this game. The first goal came from a miskick by him, but he did some ordinarily good things afterwards. McGinnigle was a sturdy centre-half.

Rollo Jack showed signs, that is all, of footballing ability as outside-right for the Orient. Tricker was a good centre-forward and Fowler was seldom like the good player he was when with Swansea—just good, no more.

This Cup-tie, like the one at Wimbledon on the previous day, showed spectators that there is room for improvement in the ability of our referees. Teams:—

Orient: Blackwell; Morley, Evans; Lawrence, Galbraith, Bolton; Jack, Cropper, Tricker, Fowler, Fletcher.

Luton: Banes; Kingham, Hodgson; Clark, McGinnigle, Fraser; McNestry, Armstrong, Rennie, Dent, Bryce.