

WATFORD AT THEIR WORST

LUTON GIVE LESSONS IN FORWARD PLAY

Luton Town 4, Watford 1

A repetition of their form at Luton yesterday will speedily put an end to Watford's English Cup aspirations. They can never have been seen to worse advantage, and the only reason why Luton did not reach double figures was that Holland performed wonderfully in goal.

The much overworked word "wonderful" was fully justified in Holland's case. He stopped shots from all angles and at point blank range—shots that would find the net nine times out of ten. His performance was the only bright feature of Watford's drab display.

Apart from a bright start when James just failed to score, Watford were content to play second fiddle, always lagging far behind their more skilful and more imaginative opponents. In the closing stages, Luton did pretty much as they wished and indulged in fancy tactics.

CLEVER COMBINATION

In emphasising Watford's weakness I do not wish to detract from the merit of Luton's success. After all a team can play only as well as their opponents will permit, and Luton certainly gave Watford precious little scope.

Luton played good football and the combination of the forwards surpassed that of many front lines I have seen this season wearing the colours of more famous clubs.

Every man jack did his share, but M'Nestry, the inside right, Yardley, in the middle, and Kennie stood out. All shot with deadly accuracy, and what is more they did not wait for ideal position before attempting to take the agile Holland unawares. They made their own openings when McGinnigle (the best half on the field), Fraser and Clark were otherwise engaged.

Yardley claimed two of Luton's goals. His first was a beauty and his second a remarkable one, as before the ball reached him it skidded the length of the cross-bar.

Bryce obtained the second goal through M'Nestry's unselfishness, the inside man bluffing the Watford backs by pretending to shoot and then calmly passing to Bryce to shoot into an open goal. M'Nestry got the third goal, and Yardley the fourth, while Barnett obtained Watford's consolation goal near the end.

No, it was not Watford's day. McBain worked hard, but he was a very weary man before the end.

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