

At Norwich on Saturday:—

NORWICH CITY	1
LUTON TOWN	0

Scorer:—Smith.

NORWICH.—Smith (J.); Hannah, Graham; Jobling, O'Brien, Lockhead; Bell, Feed, Smith (W.), Burditt, Slack.

LUTON.—Harford; Kingham, Hodgson; Clark, Fraser, Hale; Heslop, M'Nestry, Yardley, Rennie, Slicer.

Referee.—Mr. S. L. Stenning, Ilford.

At Luton on Monday:—

LUTON TOWN	4
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	0

Scorers:—Rennie (penalty), Clark, Slicer, Yardley.

LUTON.—Harford; Kingham, Hodgson; Clark, McGinnigle, Hale; Heslop, M'Nestry, Yardley, Rennie, Slicer.

NORTHAMPTON.—Hammond; Inglis, Anthony; Allon, Malony, Davies, Riches, Boyle, Bowen, Dawes (A.), Wells.

Referee.—Mr. B. Pinckston, Birmingham.

At Northampton on Tuesday:—

NORTHAMPTON TOWN	nil
LUTON TOWN	"

NORTHAMPTON.—Hammond; Inglis, Anthony; Allon, Maloney, Dawes (A.); Riches, Boyle, Bowen, Wonnercott, Wells.

LUTON.—Harford; Kingham, Hodgson; Fraser, Clark, Hale; Heslop, Dent, Yardley, Rennie, Slicer.

Referee.—Mr. E. Pinckston, Birmingham.

LUTON TOWN had good reason to be satisfied with the results from their holiday programme, although they were unfortunate that they did not garner at least one more point. Three points from a possible six when two of the games are away is fairly good, however, especially when one of the opposing teams has been regarded for the greater part of the season as a potential championship team.

With a limited number of players nowadays it speaks well for all concerned that at this stage of the season a first team can be put in the field and prove capable of obtaining three points in two consecutive days from a club like Northampton. Hundreds felt sure, after seeing Northampton play at Luton on Monday, that Luton's chances of avoiding defeat in the return game were slender, but while the defence excelled, the fact remained that the chances fell to the Town, and they might well have won.

AT NORTHAMPTON

On Tuesday the skies were overcast and rain appeared to be imminent when the teams turned out in the presence of 8,000 spectators, among whom was a considerable sprinkling from Luton and district. Northampton moved Dawes from inside-left to left-half, owing to Davies being injured. The Town had Clark instead of McGinnigle at centre-half, and Fraser resumed at right-half, while Dent was substitute for M'Nestry at inside right.

Hodgson won the toss, and the opening was quiet, the first advance being by the Cobblers, Bowen putting wide and a moment later running off-side. The Town had to defend through a tendency to keep the ball close, and after four minutes a long throw-in by Allon was headed well by Boyle, Harford tipping over the bar.

The flag-kick was cleared, but the Cobblers came again, and Wonnacott and Riches each put behind. When the Town advanced, Anthoney beat Heslop, and in a further run Yardley fed Slicer, whose centre was headed away by Anthoney. Wells beat Fraser in a sprint, but Riches sent wide. The latter forced a corner off Hodgson, and after a melee Bowen hooked over. Hale cleverly stopped Riches, but his pass went astray. A long pass by Clark to the left compelled Inglis to concede a corner, but this was got away, and clever passing by the home forwards brought a series of assaults. Fraser and the backs and Harford each cleared, and a corner was rushed away by Hale. Then fine play by Fraser initiated a Town attack, and Hammond saved from Dent and Yardley. Hale was pulled up for tripping Riches, and from Allon's free-kick Bowen headed over.

Rennie was laid out when the Town got going nicely, and had to be taken off for a few minutes. Yardley got past Inglis and lifted the ball over to the right, when Dawes beat Heslop. A fine clearance by Hodgson was seized by Rennie, who gave Yardley a lovely pass, and Anthoney conceded a corner. This was got away, and the Cobblers retaliated, Kingham forcing Wells to put wide. In a Town raid Anthoney was hurt, but Heslop centred, Allon tapping the ball into Hammond's hands to clear. A free-kick against Fraser was punched out by Harford, but the Cobblers replied, and Riches just missed with a good shot, though Harford was well placed for the ball. Riches forced a corner, but this was cleared, and the Town came again for Dent to centre, and Yardley headed into Hammond's hands.

The Town had a turn, and Yardley put behind, as did Clark just afterwards. A grand tackle by Hodgson spoiled Wells, but a corner followed, and this was frustrated by Fraser. Then Rennie fed Slicer well, but Hammond took his centre. The Town came back, and Dent had the chance of the game to walk the ball through, but shot from a dozen yards' range and missed. A period of mid-field play ensued, after which Rennie fed Slicer cleverly, and he centred for Yardley, who failed with a great chance, his shot going well wide. Then Riches beat Hodgson, Hale and Clark, and shot hard, Harford punching away. Harford fisted away again when Wonnacott centred, and the Town got through again, but Anthoney beat Yardley. Northampton returned, but Wonnacott put outside. Anthoney floored Yardley when the Town were dangerous, and the interval came just afterwards.

NORTHAMPTON nil

LUTON "

Re-starting, the Cobblers' left wing forced a corner, but this was got away, and the Town left made a move, but Heslop was whistled off-side as Hammond caught a centre from Hale. The home left replied, and after being repelled by Hodgson, came back, and Harford saved a hot first-time shot by Wonnacott, after which Boyle shot over. Northampton came again, and a corner kick was wrongly awarded. This was cleared, and Hale sent Heslop off to centre, Inglis heading away. Maloney's hand was hurt in a tackle, but he soon resumed, and a free-kick was given against him for handling. This was cleared by Anthoney, after which the Town goal had a narrow escape, for Boyle rushed Harford as he was handling, and got the ball past him, but it struck the post, and Hodgson cleared off the line.

Yardley fed Heslop, but Inglis fouled the latter very badly, and he had to go off for a time. The flag-kick that followed was got away, and Northampton forced a couple of corners, from which scrimmages ensued, but the Town defence prevailed. The Town halves were playing well, and, though often pressing, the Cobblers could not get in a shot. The Town had a turn, and Hammond ran out and intercepted Heslop's pass. The latter was knocked out by Dawes, and had to be carried off again. The free-kick was of no avail.

When the Town got going, which was not often, the Cobblers' defence became rattled, and from a corner-kick well placed by Slicer, Rennie beat Hammond, but Anthoney kicked off the line as the ball seemed bound to reach the net. Heslop returned and fouled Wells, and Harford had to punch away the free-kick. The Town came again, but Rennie's long shot was too high. Hodgson was hurt in stopping Boyle, and a corner resulted. This flag-kick and the succeeding one were cleared. When Clark and Boyle went for the ball together a free-kick was given against the former, but Harford made a grand save at full length. The flag-kick was well placed, and Maloney headed on to the bar, the ball bouncing over. Another corner was forced by the Cobblers, but this was got away, and then Rennie fed Heslop, who muddled, and Dent headed out of Hammond's hands. Anthoney again saving the situation, though one hardly knew how.

The Town were having more of the game now, but were driven back. Riches was injured in a tackle by Hale, and had to be taken off for a moment. When the Town came through again Dent handled. Riches came back, and took part in a hot assault, in which Harford punched away from Wells. Play was rather scrappy now, though Boyle once headed over. A minute from the end Harford punched out from a corner, and then another flag-kick was awarded when Harford ran out and
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folled Boyle, and as soon as the kick was taken the whistle sounded, with the result a draw.

Honours again went to the Town defence, especially the rearguard. Harford made many splendid saves, and his one error was more than covered by his skilful display. Too much praise cannot be accorded the backs. Both played magnificently, kicking with great power and tackling with rare judgment. If Kingham was the better on Monday, Hodgson excelled in this game. Fraser strengthened the middle line, his clever obstruction being supported by bright initiation. Clark was a bulwark as pivot, and Hale a rare worker who never knew when he was beaten. Not much was seen of the attack, but the game was largely one in which defence was required, and both Rennie and Dent did useful work for the middle men, as well as opening out on occasion. The other three did their bit, but with a little more steadiness either Dent or Yardley would have won the match.