

EASY TASK FOR LUTON

Staples, Mansfield's Goalkeeper, Averts Heavy Reverse

Luton Town 3 Mansfield 1

Luton won this game playing almost at half-pace. Seldom did the visitors get a chance in the first half, and Staples and his backs were often in "Queer Street."

Rennie beat him with a header from Cupit's centre after 25 minutes' play and the goalkeeper subsequently made brilliant saves from all the Luton forwards, as well as from the half-backs.

In the second half Loasby and Bryce added further goals within the space of three minutes and but for the excellence of Staples they would have had a big harvest. Johnson notched Mansfield's only point from a breakaway when most of the Luton players had stopped to assist an injured opponent.

It was a good clean game, considering the gusty breeze and the hard ground, which made ball control very difficult. The winners were splendidly served by Hodgson and Kingham in defence, but their real strength was in the middle line, Fraser being outstanding. Rennie was in sparkling form forward, and Cupit did very well indeed for a young player.

For the visitors, Staples put up a fine opposition in goal, but his backs were unreliable. Robinson was a hard-working pivot, and forward Storer and Johnson were the most dangerous.

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MANSFIELD DOWN AGAIN.

25-3-32

Fred Kean in Great Form for Luton Town.

Seven thousand spectators saw the game between Luton Town and Mansfield Town, at Luton, where a hard ground and gusty wind made ball control difficult. Luton won deservedly 3—1.

Luton had much the better of the exchanges in the first half(and should have scored more than the one goal, which was credited to Rennie, who headed through after 25 minutes' play. Staples kept goal splendidly, and at the other end Imrie made one or two saves from Johnson.

After the change of ends, Mansfield were still kept on the defensive for some time and several good openings were missed by the Luton forwards before Loasby netted after 15 minutes. Three minutes later Bryce got a third goal.

Luton relaxed a good deal after this, and Mansfield had more of the play. Johnson ran through to score. In the closing stages Mansfield pressed heavily, and Imrie had to save repeatedly.

It was a very good game considering the conditions. For Luton, Fred Kean played a great game, especially in constructive work, and Cupit, the former Sutton Junction player, did very well at outside-right.

For Mansfield, Staples made many grand saves. The backs were unreliable. Robinson worked hard at centre half-back and of the forwards Storer and Broom were the best in general work, with Johnson an enterprising leader. Result:—

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Referee.—Mr. T. J. Botham (Walsall).