

POINT FROM ALDERSHOT

FORWARDS SHOW CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT

(By Crusader)

THERE was merit in the performance of Luton Town to bring a point back from Aldershot on Saturday. They played well enough to have brought both could one have forgotten the poor beginning. Aldershot started so strongly that they were a couple of goals up inside five minutes. In each case the goal should have been saved, for the first was from a corner kick, FISHLOCK heading in after Imrie had failed to get the ball as it came across. The second was scored by Gamble with a characteristic rush, for as Imrie hesitated the home centre-forward kicked the ball almost out of the goalkeeper's hands, and it dropped into goal.

THE Town found a tonic in these reverses, and they soon got a grip of the home forwards, and of the game, and after one or two close things, TAIT snapped up a magnificent pass from Rennie, overcame Wade's tackle, and went on to fire in a ball that sizzled into the net after scorching Robb's fingers. It was the sort of shot we have wanted to see him take more frequently. The home team had a good share of the game, and played fast and open football, more so than the Town for a while, and Imrie had quite as much work as he wanted.

HOWEVER, before the change of ends, Robb had been tested just as frequently and had to be quite as alert as the Town goalkeeper, and all the forwards had shots saved. Play was vigorous, and free kicks were fairly frequent, while two or three times the referee spoke to players who were inclined to infringe. The Town goal had a narrow escape from a splendid effort by Lane, who dribbled neatly and then shot hard and low, the ball touching the upright. Indeed, the home players appealed for a corner on the ground that Imrie had touched the ball. At the other end, Robb saved well from Tait on several occasions, but the Town were still in arrears at the cross-over.

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THE Town had much the better of the exchanges after the refreshment. They profited because they swung the ball about, and both wings were well employed. As in the first half, there was a quick skirmish by each side, and both defences had to be spry to keep the ball out, but the Town then settled down to a better display than they have given for some time, and Robb had made a number of good saves before he was beaten by a grand header from TAIT after Nelson had paved the way for a centre by Roberts.

RENNIE had hard luck with fine efforts; once the ball rose and struck his knee as he was shooting from six yards' range, and it rebounded from the onrushing goalkeeper; another shot disabled Wade, for the ball was travelling at a terrific pace when it struck the full back in the midriff. So hot was the shot that Wade had to be assisted from the field, and was away about ten minutes. The Town did a lot of pressing, and should have had a penalty kick when Tait was fouled on the goal-line, while there was an appeal for a goal when Robb pulled the ball from under the bar in saving from Rowe.

ROBBS made very good saves from all the Town forwards, and from Roberts and Tait in particular, while Nelson could have scored had he shot instead of trying to walk the ball into the net. Imrie was not idle, though he had long spells as a spectator, but near the finish he saved in capital style from Proud and Gamble. The Town defence had comparatively little work in the second half, however, and the brunt fell upon the home backs and Robb, all of whom defended well.

THOUGH Imrie might have averted the goals, he brought off very good saves, and his backs also played strongly, Mackey being quite as good as Kingham. The halves continued as the backbone of the side, and did clever work all through, while the forwards showed better appreciation of the open game, and especially in the second half. All

played quite well, and Roberts brought improvement into the attack, his centres being very good indeed.

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ALDERSHOT. — Robb; Wade, McDougall; Armory, Middleton, Lawson; Proud, Lane, Gamble, White. Fishlock.

LUTON. — Imrie; Kingham, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Roberts, Nelson, Tait, Rennie, Rowe.

Referee.—Mr. F. Smith, Walsall.