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WASTE TIME

LUTON KICK HARD AND QUICKLY

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THE 'Spurs, one of the big hopes of London, duly went out on the packed little ground of the Luton Town club. They went out deservedly.

There would be some people who would say that the 'Spurs were beaten by the pitch. Possibly the result would have been different if the surface had been of the sort on which a real football team could have played real football. But it wasn't. Tottenham failed because they did not realise the fact until it was too late.

They were beaten by a side employing the right tactics for the occasion. All honour to Luton. None of their men worried whether he was going to fall heavily on the iron-hard surface. They just went for the ball, and usually they got it. When the half-backs and the full-backs had it they made it move—well away from their goal.

This long kicking, and the full-blooded chasing of an awkward bouncing ball brought Luton two goals inside 25 minutes. Out to Mills, and a quick return from the wing enabled Alderson to score a very good goal after eight minutes.

Tait Wins Race

Then Tait insisted on chasing a ball which Levene seemed to have time to clear. The young centre half of the 'Spurs took more time than Tait would give him; so the Luton centre got the ball and crashed it into the net.

Nearing the interval, and during the second half, Tottenham changed their tactics a bit, and looked more likely to be successful. By this time, however, the Luton defenders were keyed up to a great effort, and the 'Spurs were frustrated. O'Callaghan hit the bar and Kingham saved from Hall, but these were about the only real shots Tottenham were allowed.

Kingham was carried off the field as the hero, but if real justice had been done most of the Luton players would have been similarly honoured. Kean, McGinnigle, Tait, and Mills were all in fine form.

There was too much fiddling by the 'Spurs' inside wing men and the wing half-backs. For long periods Evans was starved at outside left and he was just the man to whom the ball should have been sent. During the second half Howe was well served, but the going was anything but Yorkshire relish to him.

While Levene cost his side the second goal, the blame for the defeat should not be put on his shoulders. This young centre-half was one of the few successes of the Tottenham team. Hunt struggled desperately to force a way through the middle, but what a hope against such defenders!



The crowd surging on to the pitch after the Cup-tie between Luton and the 'Spurs to congratulate the winners.