

TOWN ESTABLISH A CUP RECORD

THE GATES CLOSED

Spectators Inside the Rails

A quarter of an hour before the match started it was found necessary to close the gates.

The opening of the gates of the Town ground at noon was none too soon. By one o'clock there were at least ten thousand spectators.

During the long waiting period there were attempts at community singing, and one could hear, but faintly, the Luton Band, which played popular ditties.

There was nearly as much sand on the ground as can be seen at some seaside places, but it looked as if the going would undoubtedly be very much better than had been anticipated.

INSIDE THE RAILS

The crowd packed very well and nearly an hour before the start there was a row all round the ground inside the rails. As usual on such occasions, there were a few mountebanks, particularly one on the Ivy-road side, who clambered to the top of the barrier and hung on to the rather frail support. Another was perched precariously on the score-board, and on a couple of the advertisement hoardings nearly twenty were imitating their simian ancestors.

Cinematograph operators were busy, and among the crowd were the usual rattles, flags, balloons, all sorts of favours, an amateur conductor with two frying pans and an effigy of a cockerel standing on a football.

WORK FOR AMBULANCE MEN

The ambulance men were called into action a quarter of an hour before the start to attend to an elderly man and a young lady shortly before the teams turned out.

THE EARLY BIRDS

FOOTBALL ON THE MOOR

Before People Went to Business

Enthusiasm for the Cup match must have been strong at Tottenham, for there were some 'Spurs supporters who left home before six o'clock this morning to catch the first possible train to Luton.

They arrived at 7.30 a.m., and had not forgotten their football, which soon came into use on the Moor, the players making use of the pitch until the town was properly awake to the responsibilities of the day.

Their exploration of the town led some in the direction of Wardown, where skating for experts and sliding for children began early enough to prove interesting to spectators.

The majority, however, made their way to the centre of the town, and drew the attention of shopkeepers and office workers into the streets with rattles, from which streamed colours that matched the favours in their coats.

SPORTING THEIR COLOURS Blue and white, and scarlet and blue rosettes sold well from the displays that vendors held aloft, and one enthusiastic Town supporter had armed himself with a couple of frying-pans, and using these as cymbals called loud attention to the claims of his side. He jokingly remarked that, win, lose or draw, he would be able to make a noise.

"WE WANT SIX!" "We're here because we're here because we're here because we're here," shouted a coach load who arrived in the middle of the morning. "We want six," they yelled—the number of goals by which they had defeated their previous opponents—Oldham Athletic. Further coaches marked "Football" kept passing through the town, raising cheers or yells of derision as they arrived.

Cafes and public-houses in the town did a busy trade, and the first of the three excursion trains that arrived at 12.50 let loose an additional army of "colours." One Town supporter had arrayed himself in trousers and jacket of parti-coloured blue and white, with a blue and white top to match. Hand-bells and rattles added to the noise of the march down Mill-street. Some 2,000 had arrived by these excursion trains when the last got in at 3.30.

As midday approached the queue at the ground stretched across Kenilworth-road and down into Hazelbury-crescent, while additions who kept arriving with rattles and whistles added to the general liveliness. The majority were men, but one or two women braved the cold of a long wait, and scarves, berets, and strange headgear labelled them distinctively "for" or "against."

A shout went up as the gates opened, and the crowd pressed forward. By this time there were nearly 15,000 who had made sure of a position on the ground, and the car park in Hazelbury-crescent was being made of good use.

TRAFFIC CONTROL The arrangements made by the police to deal with the exceptional traffic seemed to work very well. By two o'clock cars were parked in all the side streets off Dunstable-road from beyond Bury Park-road as far as Liverpool-road, and all these roads were pretty well full, others still arriving from the town were being diverted down Liverpool-road.

On one side of Dunstable-road, between Hazelbury-crescent and Kenilworth-road, there were lined up no fewer than twenty-two motor-coaches and lorries that had been used for passenger purposes, while the high ground above was crowded with vehicles.

FIRST TIME IN FIFTH ROUND

SPURS TWO DOWN IN TWENTY-ONE MINUTES

Fraser's Exciting Save at a Critical Moment

(By Crusader)

Luton Town this afternoon set up a new record of achievement in qualifying for the fifth round of the F.A. Cup Competition for the first time in their career by virtue of vanquishing Tottenham Hotspur, one of London's last hopes, by two goals to nothing.

GREAT issues hung on the result of this game this afternoon. In the long chequered history of Luton football it could be regarded as the most important game, not merely from the point of view that it attracted a record crowd, but the glory and financial value. The latter was of less concern to such a wealthy club than to Luton; victory for the Town meant an even more substantial reduction of their indebtedness to the bank and a chance to go farther than ever before in the greatest football competition in the world. The Spurs took the field as the hope of London for, while West Ham and Millwall also were running to-day, the critics fancied the chances of the Spurs very much more, and their records in League games justified the optimism.

Exempt until the previous round, the Spurs were then required to visit Oldham Athletic, and they returned victorious by six goals to nil. But Luton also won a lot of kudos by their progress. In their first round they had to meet Kingstonsians, and after making a draw at home, they won through at Kingston by the odd goal of five; then they had to visit Stockport, and achieved a like result. The next venture was at Barnsley, where they made a draw, sharing four goals, and then beat the Yorkshiremen by two goals clear in the replay at Luton.

It was generally conceded, however, that in facing the Spurs they were asked to overcome a team of greater skill, and London came in strong force in anticipation of seeing the North London side oust Luton from the competition.

LUTON TOWN

Right

Left

Harford

Kingham

Mackey

Kean

McGinnigle

Fraser

Mills Nelson

Tait

Alderson Roberts

O

Evans Hall

Hunt

O'Callaghan Howe

Meads

Levene

Colquhoun

Whatley

Felton

Nicholls

Left

Right

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Referee—Mr. G. C. Denton, Northampton.

Attendance 17,213. Receipts £2,334 10s. 6d.

The Town were first to take the field and received a great welcome, which did not exceed that accorded the 'Spurs, who were on their heels. Once more we saw two old Sheffield Wednesday players meet for the toss. Kean beat his old colleague, Felton, for choice of ends, and defended the Kenilworth-road end.

SAVED AT SECOND ATTEMPT From the kick-off the Spurs went away on the right, but Mackey beat Howe, and from Fraser's throw-in Roberts booted into the middle. Mills took possession and muddled finely, and Alderson tried to head the ball goalwards. Felton deflected it to Roberts, who shot in. Nicholls managed to get the ball at the second attempt and throw clear of the penalty line.

CONTROL DIFFICULT The Spurs were getting away when Alderson fouled O'Callaghan. The free kick was cleared by Mackey and Kean kicked clear a long kick by Howe. The Spurs maintained the aggressive, but it was clear that control would be very difficult. Levene ended an attack by shooting wide. Roberts was out of position when Alderson sent a long pass through on the left and then Mills failed to get round Colquhoun. A good kick by Kingham sent the Town away and there was a terrific appeal for a penalty when Whatley went down and appeared to push the ball with his hands, but the claim was not allowed.

TOWN'S EARLY LEAD Great First Time Shot by Alderson

From a good move by Alderson a corner was forced. This was cleared, but a moment later Mills got hold of a long pass and centred nicely for ALDERSON to come rushing into the middle and with a great first time shot beat Nicholls all round up. This was greeted with a tornado of cheering which continued until after the restart.

The Spurs went away at a great pace, but Hunt was held off while Harford cleared a long shot. Fraser and Mackey between them managed to frustrate Howe. Clever play by Kean sent the Town away again, but Nicholls comfortably took a swinging centre from Mills. Twice in succession Mills allowed the ball to go over the touch-line when he had a chance to get through.

NO CEREMONY WITH MACKEY Another dangerous move by the Town was well cleared by Whatley, and Hunt was pulled up for a foul on McGinnigle. Mackey took the free kick, and Tait headed across goal for Nelson to take another header, which cleared the bar. Roberts neatly beat Whatley a moment later, but could not get in a centre. A rush by the Spurs was negated by Mackey, who unceremoniously hustled Hunt and was rightly penalised a couple of yards outside the penalty



T. ALDERSON

area. Evans took the kick, but shot yards over the bar. When the Town got through on the left Tait gave Alderson a neat pass, but the inside-left could only touch the ball behind. Mackey was applauded for good defensive work, but the Spurs got a brief footing in the Town area until Kingham cleared with a left-foot drive.

TAIT NUMBER TWO And the Town Deserved It

Harford had to be very quick a moment later to get at a shot from O'Callaghan, but the Town smartly got away again, and Nicholls cleared from away again. They persisted on the right, and Mills twice swung across first-time centres that had the Spurs in trouble. From the second of these centres TAIT had a tussle with Levene and Felton, got the better of them and banged the ball into the net amidst a hurricane of cheers.

This was after 21 minutes, and the Town were playing well enough to deserve all they could get. The game was being contested in really good spirit, and at a fine pace, considering the treacherous ground.

KEAN'S BRILLIANCE From another Town move on the left Roberts took a flying shot which was only a foot wide. A brilliant clearance by Kean was cheered to the echo, and Mills sped away on the right to centre from near the flag. Whatley cleared finely, but then Kean came dashing up and took

a long shot that was a yard over the bar.

REFEREE'S STERN EYE

When the Spurs broke and went away, Mackey misheaded the ball for a corner, and Harford had to punch away. The referee looked very hard at Colquhoun after he had made a rough tackle on Fraser.

Mackey and Kean cleared another assault, and the Town went away on the right to force a corner, but Mills made a shocking attempt with the flag kick.

Hunt was prominent with a very strong effort, but was overcome by weight of numbers and brought down when he was on the point of shooting. Nelson put wide in another attack.

TOO FAST FOR THE SPURS

The Spurs forced a corner on the right, but Harford punched away and the Town went hot foot to the other end.

The Town were showing much more pace than the Spurs, and Mills twice got the ball across in good style. McGinnigle gained applause for good defensive play, and also for keeping his forwards on the attack.

Mills once kicked the ball out of Nicholls's hands as the goalkeeper saved, but could not get to it again when the goalkeeper was prostrate.

FRASER'S EXCITING SAVE

The Town goal had a very narrow escape from Hunt when he beat the Town back and lifted the ball over Harford's head as he came out of goal. Fraser had fallen back and saved the goal amid a din of excitement.

HOW THE GOALS CAME

8 minutes, Alderson for Luton.
21 minutes, Tait for Luton.

Harford had to run out again and save while his backs attended to Hunt. From his clearance the Town got back to the other end, where Roberts, receiving from Tait, forced Nicholls to save at the expense of a corner.

HOT ATTACKS BEATEN OFF

The 'Spurs now set up a terrific attack. After Harford had punched out, Hall shot at point blank range, but the ball struck a defender and went for a corner.

Just afterwards another hot attack brought a shot from Howe at close range. The ball struck Harford and went behind him, where Kingham awaited it and cleared.

The whistle went as the corner kick was being taken.

Half-time:
LUTON TOWN 2
SPURS 0

The crowd gave the Town a great cheer as the players left the field. On the restart the Town attempted to get away on the left, but were well held there. Alderson soon gave a great pass to Mills, who went through and centred well, but Felton cleared.

TOWN UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE

Mackey cleared grandly when Hunt was trying to burst through. McGinnigle fouled Hill less than thirty yards out, but Fraser cleared the free kick. The Spurs returned to the attack and for several minutes pressed the Town defence severely.

In this period Kean and Kingham did splendid work, but the forwards were responsible for the Spurs' pressure because they failed to get going when they were given the passes.

Mills tried to put Tait through, and once Tait managed to get hold and put in a high shot which Nicholls punched from under the bar. He did the same a moment later.

O'Callaghan cleverly raced through the Town defence and shot hard, the



T. TAIT

ball striking Harford's hands and going to the bar, from whence it went out to the left.

The Spurs were putting in all they knew and pressing fiercely. Kingham was glad to concede a corner to clear from Howe.

From another good movement Howe swung the ball across goal, but it went outside. Roberts, who was playing far from well, made a mess of another chance from Tait.

Nelson did a little better when he gave Mills five or six seconds' start of the opposition to get in a centre, but the winger only put the ball wide.

NOT SO GOOD AS EARLIER

Roberts did manage to beat Colquhoun on another occasion, and centred well, but Taiton cleared. Fraser was noticeable with good work, but play was not so good as in the first half, especially as the 'Spurs were now going in for hard kicking and rush tactics.

A nice run by Roberts and Alderson was applauded, but they kept the ball too close at the finish and were beaten off.

The Spurs resumed the attack, and Harford had to punch out again. Kingham was penalised for dangerous play, but the free kick by Evans hit a barrier of players.

The Town still had to defend, but from a quick breakaway by Tait and Mills they got right through. Mills gave Roberts a lovely pass, but he could only shoot a yard too high.

BAFFLED AT EVERY TURN

Again Tait went through. From his pass Alderson shot in well, but Nicholls gathered the ball neatly and cleared.

Nicholls had to handle again a moment later. The Spurs made many gallant efforts, but the covering of the Town backs and halves was very good and the quick-footed Reds were baffled at every turn. They got another corner after a good dribble by Howe. A lot of silly dribbling back by Mills,

NO RACING TO-DAY

CROWD RUSH ON THE FIELD

Tremendous Scenes of Enthusiasm

The crowd rushed on to the field and in spite of the police, overwhelmed the players, striving to drag them off.

Tremendous scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed and some of the crowd who had listened to the Spurs supporters singing, "Who killed poor old Luton?" before the match, repaid in similar song.

as usual, put the Spurs on the move again, but the danger was eventually cleared, and Nicholls had to race hard to prevent a corner when Whatley put the ball back to him.

MACKEY'S GREAT CLEARANCE

Nicholls had to rush out again and save from a crush of players. Once more the Spurs pressed hard, and Harford had to rush out and save.

A moment later he punched out a free kick given against Nelson for a heavy charge. The attack came to an end when Colquhoun shot over.

For a long time the Spurs held the upper hand. Fraser was prominent in carrying play to the other end, but there was nothing of a dangerous character.

Levene made gallant efforts to get some semblance of formation into his attack and once it appeared that the Spurs were through, but Mackey brought off a great clearance. He also headed away in another rush.

There was a yell at Evans when Kingham went down in a tackle and had to receive trainer's attention.

LUCKY ESCAPE IN LAST FIVE MINUTES

From a good run by Roberts, after a pass by Tait, the ball passed right across the goal, but there was no one to put it through except a Spurs' defender. He nearly managed it, but Nicholls was at hand and cleared.

With less than five minutes to go the Spurs came again, and with Harford out of his goal a point blank shot struck Kingham in the midriff and saved the goal. This was a lucky escape.

The Spurs came again, fighting hard, but rather erratically, and although they often got good positions the Town defended so well that Harford had very little to do.

Everybody thought the final whistle had come, and there was an immediate rush on the ground, but it was checked when the referee was seen pointing against the Spurs for a free kick. However, it came almost directly afterwards.

Result:
LUTON 2
SPURS 0

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