

"ON ILLKLA MOOR!"

LUTON'S HAT TRICK OVER NORTHERN CLUBS

Wonderful Team Spirit Beats Halifax

TWO WITHOUT REPLY

(By Crusader).

LUTON TOWN	2
HALIFAX TOWN	0
HALIFAX—Shirlaw: Flack, Barrie; Thompson, Craig, Parkin; Davies, Brown, Chambers, Wellock, Tunstall.	
LUTON—Harford: Kingham, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Nelson, Tait, Rennie, Alderson, Roberts.	
Referee: Mr. A. H. Kingscott, Derby.	

AFTER continuous expression of absolute faith in the ability of LUTON TOWN to overcome HALIFAX TOWN in their own Yorkshire stronghold, it would be absurd to describe their success on Saturday as the greatest of the series. Actually it was the most comfortable game they have had, even including the Kingstonsians in the first round. The drawback was the troublesome weather, because I am quite certain that had the game been played in normal circumstances the margin of victory would have been much more decisive. It is true, as many newspaper correspondents stated, that Luton adapted themselves better when wind and snow were making demands upon skill and stamina, but there was that control of the ball, and quicker perception of power in using it, advantage, that stamps men individually and collectively superior. The determination and the courage of Halifax were never in dispute, but with one or two exceptions they never rose to the standard set by the winners.

AT THE SHAY

Set in magnificent surroundings the Shay ground presented a picture that thrilled Lutonians, but perhaps no thought was given to the fact that had it not been sheltered by the splendid hoods, blizzards overhead down from the Wolds would have prevented the game being fought to a definite issue. Before we reached the ground we were looking for shelter from the blast and the snowflakes that were so icy cold as to sting the faces of the crowds flocking to the gates. When Bob Hawkes and I eventually arrived in the front of the stand at Fraser's virtually without shelter, the snow would have been as dismal but for the remarkable spirit of the crowd, and not the least joyous were those from Luton. When we sat down the snow was driven under the stand and leached off faces, but there was little protection for the hands, but even then the frost bit them, and as the snow melted streams trickled down from hat brims on to the desk and the papers.

THE BLIZZARD

Before the kick-off, however, there was a change, and the sun peered out a little upon the groundsmen who had been hastily requisitioned to sweep clear the lines on the pitch. Apparently the going was good, but before the game had begun the sun was again hidden, it was as though the turf was under the snow, and the players slipped about a good deal. It seemed strange that Halifax should win the toss and then choose to take such advantage as the conditions offered, because when the snow came again, although it whirled about a lot, it seemed to be more at the backs of the Town than against them. We were told that the weather had been delightful during the morning, save for a few light snow showers, but less than an hour before the start there was a real snow-storm, and the ground was covered with snow when we arrived. Moreover the wind had increased, and perhaps it was the idea that it would increase as the afternoon progressed that decided Thompson to face it.

BETTER METHOD

Luton found their stride at once, and there was a concerted movement between halves and forwards as the ball was thrust up the middle for Rennie to take it in his stride, but the whistle pulled him up for offside. Halifax seemed to be very anxious, and could not get very close to the Town before they were pulled up. Fraser checked Davies and Brown very skilfully, and from his cut round pass Tait received, and went on to shoot hard but the ball was well placed, and took the ball coolly Kean was evidently intent upon holding Tunstall, and twice robbed the Halifax left wing, and drove up to his own forwards, but Barrie was a stumbling block to Tait and Nelson. Craig got out a nice pass to his left wing, which came along splendidly, but when the ball came across Mackey outwitted Brown and cleared the net. Roberts dashed away and got the ball across for Rennie to hit it hard on the run, but there was too much elevation by far. Play went from end to end, but Luton were showing their teeth forward, and the strategy was clearly puzzling the home back and halves. Each goalkeeper had to advance from his charge to intercept centres or passes that outstripped the forwards, but Barrie was a master in his own eyes, made the first strong shooting effort, and the ball was very close as it flew right across goal.

WHEN HALIFAX NETTED

Roberts was a handful for Thompson, and now and then surprised the opposition by running quickly inside instead of punting, as he perturbed with the ball in the right hand. It would have been a damaging move, but two or three times he held on until robbed. Once, however, he got the ball well over, and Nelson dashed into meet it, but it struck too high. Davies, who was already marked down by the Luton supporters as being quite as dangerous as Tunstall, mapped up the ball after Fraser had

slipped on the frozen ground, but he had come back for the ball, and the Fraser and McGinnigle were beaten in attempts to dribble, for the none team were tackling quickly and robustly, and it was well that Kingham and Mackey were short. Each in turn cleared threats, and then Fraser miskicked, and the home right came up the middle, and Tunstall also ran in to take the ball as Chambers put it between the backings and the snowflakes. The whistle went before Tunstall got the ball, and Harford did not make an spectacular effort.

TAIT DOES THE TRICK

McGinnigle then came up the field with the ball at his toe, and sent the left wing away. Roberts passed to Alderson, who shot hard, but the ball skidded off his foot and was wide. The ball came again, now as a faster pace, and the home defenders were harassed. Roberts and Alderson worked through and the latter sent right across the goal-mouth. Nelson had closed in, cleverly, but Mackey was coming down, but the Town pressed heavily, and the left wing again came through, a similar movement again finding Nelson well placed, and another fast man by the left wing, but at the opposition, and TAIT took possession, and shot hard for the farther corner of the net: Shirlaw rushed across, but a defender, either Wellock or Roberts, shot a shot, and the ball travelled into the net. It is doubtful whether Shirlaw would have got to the ball, but the interception left him helpless, and the Luton followers made the welkin ring.

"ON ILLKLA MOOR"

From the kick-off Luton raced through again, Kean and his right wing working together finely, and from Nelson's centre Rennie neatly attempted to turn the ball out of the reach of Shirlaw, but it struck the goalkeeper and rebounded to the crowd. Kicked away, The Luton halves were dominating the game, and the ball was nearly all the time about the Halifax penalty area, but it was difficult to control, and as the snow was falling heavily, and the snow swept into the faces of the Halifax defenders, the referee called a halt, and the teams trooped off the field. It became doubtful whether the game would be resumed, but the snow cleared, and people began to leave the ground, but after a time, when umbrellas and hats were snow-covered, there was a sudden cessation and the sun laughed at us again. The crowd became impatient and began to shout for the players to return before the snowfall ceased. Mr. Kingscott, along with the two club managers, Fraser, Kean, and Craig, went on to the field, and soon the groundmen were busy, the crowd meanwhile raising the Yorkshire chorus, "On Illkla Moor." Everybody in the open wore a snow-crown when play was resumed after a stoppage lasting a little over twenty-five minutes.

TUNSTALL TOUCH

Immediately Luton took the upper hand, the forwards playing brightly in front of dashing halves, and a powerful drive by Tait reached Shirlaw. Again was the crowd cheering, and from Nelson's pass Rennie had a first-time shot that travelled well wide. Mackey then won applause for magnificently holding up the home right wing. A moment later Davies cut in, moved a centre, and had only Harford to beat, but got well under the ball and lifted it high over the goalkeeper and the bar. Roberts next took the pass from Alderson and, instead of centring, went right through, and Shirlaw rushed out of goal just in time to prevent him taking a shot from four or five yards range. The Town continued to hold the upper hand, and two corners were forced on the left, but Halifax defended sternly. Then we saw a touch of the real Tunstall, for he made a zig-zag run right through the Town defence, but McGinnigle raced in and kicked the ball off his foot, and the resultant flick kick gave no trouble for Kean promptly met the ball and headed well out.

RENNIE'S ILL-LUCK

Luton were soon attacking again, and Alderson, by adroit manoeuvres, found a way through the defence, and then tapped the ball to Rennie, who shot hard, but the ball was high, and for the ball and managed to intercept it near the upright, but could not hold it, and it went behind him. Quickly he turned and gathered the ball, and the Luton players stood still and applauded loudly for a goal, but the referee ordered play to proceed until Roberts ran and took hold of his arm. Then he stopped play and sternly rebuked the Luton player. Still the visitors had the upper hand, and from another bright movement, in which nearly all the team, beginning with Mackey, took part, Nelson shot in and beat Shirlaw, but Thompson had fallen back, and he and Flack got the ball away just in time. The interval came with the score:

HALIFAX Nil
Without leaving the field the players changed ends and resumed. Conditions were still very difficult, and there would be no more than one or two incidents, and the superior play of Luton might be of no avail. Halifax began as though they thought that way, too. For the

first time during the game their best workman, Wellock, was prominent, and made a fine dribble, but Kingham stopped him at the expense of a corner. This was got away, and then Chambers and Davies tried hard to score a goal, but two or three shots were tried, but usually from such a range as gave Harford no anxiety at all. Roberts and Alderson changed the scene, and the ball was re-attacked as they broke past Flack but the former's pass to the middle was taken by Craig, who was keeping close to Rennie. Mackey's strong work helped us to a goal, and King, and after Kean sprinted through and beat three men before lifting the ball out to Nelson. The latter and Tait worked together well, and the ball was swung over at the right moment, but neither Roberts nor Alderson could gather it. The Town were always the more dangerous when they held possession; Tait did grand work, and Nelson doing quite well on the extreme wing.

ON TOP

Fraser evoked cheers by his skill in depriving the home right wing time after time, and after one of these checks he sent the ball along to his wing, and Alderson and Roberts carried it to the goal. The ball came across Rennie slipped, and Craig and shot hard; Shirlaw dived and managed to knock the ball out, but NELSON had rushed in, and had the easiest of chances to kick into the net. This was ten minutes after the re-start, and the goal was well merited, because Luton were clearly the more polished team. Halifax had to be content to hold the ball, but they were not good enough to master the Luton defence. Davies was a danger, however, and twice Harford had to punch away, centring, and that Frank MacKinnon, who was playing finely, and the inside forwards of Halifax had to be content to shoot from well outside the penalty area, and were invariably well covered. Tunstall was tackled by Kean or Kingham, and with the Luton men more confident than ever, the game seemed to be won before the second half was through. In the third, however, Rennie, who was left in possession, and he shot along the ground, but Harford had no difficulty in accepting the shot. A counter-stroke came when McGinnigle lifted the ball out to the left wing, and the pair went through, only to see a hard centre strike Thompson in the face and knock him out. Tait next tricked through, and, with a covering Rennie, he tried to shoot, but there was a yard wide. A moment later he repeated the move, and this time Shirlaw had his work cut out to take a crisp effort.

RENNIE ON THE MARK

Craig, who was in the net, and swung the ball over to the left, where Wellock rushed in and shot, but Harford again saved neatly close to the upright. Tait and Kean brought the ball through, and then to the left wing, and the pair went through, only to see a hard centre strike Thompson in the face and knock him out. Tait next tricked through, and, with a covering Rennie, he tried to shoot, but there was a yard wide. A moment later he repeated the move, and this time Shirlaw had his work cut out to take a crisp effort.

HONOURS WELL WON

In every department the victors were the better, and their footwork won good things for them. The Town crowd showed their appreciation often, and readily admitted that the reward had gone to the deserving team. The best feature of Luton's game was the wonderful teamwork, each man played for his side and for his fellows, and though, as was natural, there were occasions in which a player held on too long, and a fine, winning goal adopted, and the precision of their passes, were something new to the Halifax crowd. They had the match-winning spirit, and the middle men played like masters, and the forwards were too speedy and skilful for the opposition. I am convinced that had the pitch been different, and the weather had been better, the score does not represent the difference in class. Harford did his little well, and had less work than Shirlaw, and it was, however, so well played, that Mackey had comparatively easy afternoon, but both were on the alert, and proved that when required they could withstand pressure. The key to the victory lay with the halves, however, for all three played superbly. McGinnigle gave a really fine display, and showed a speed that even those of us who know him so well could not believe. There is a little secret of training about this, I fancy. Kean and Fraser lived right up to their best, playing brilliantly both in attack and defence, and is an eloquent commentary on the run of the game to say that McGinnigle did almost as much attacking as the other two.

THE FORWARDS

I did not fancy Nelson as a wing forward, but much as I do Tait. In the late stages Tait showed, by fine runs along the touch-line, what he could do if required there, but Nelson played splendidly, and so way to the goal. Tait was a powerful personality, and revealed a stamina that surprised the opposition, for he often felt back and dropped, and with his right wingward threatened. He dribbled strongly, and released the ball to advantage. So did Alderson, who fully maintained his fine form, who knew him so well, could not believe. There is a little secret of training about this, I fancy. Kean and Fraser lived right up to their best, playing brilliantly both in attack and defence, and is an eloquent commentary on the run of the game to say that McGinnigle did almost as much attacking as the other two.

HALIFAX

For Halifax, Shirlaw could not beat

blamed for either goal. He did very well. The backs and halves, however, had not the skill to defeat the tactics of Luton, though they, like their forwards, were triers to a man. Tunstall gave only rare glimpses of his cleverness, but was seldom allowed to have the ball. Davies was quite the best forward, and against less formidable opposition would have done a lot of damage.

The attendance was a big record breaker for Halifax. The previous best was 22,023, and receipts £1,212 17s. 6d.; in this game the official figures were

29,235, and receipts £1,624 10s. 6d.

Mr. Kingscott was a good referee, but could not have had an easier task as far as the players were concerned. There were even fewer infringements than in the Spurs' game; both teams played the ball, and only at rare intervals were the shoulders used. There were not more than a couple of trips, and very few cases of "hands," while heavy changing was taboo. The game was a credit to both teams, for it was played in the friendliest of spirit, and the Yorkshire folk were generous in their praise of the winners.

TACTICAL ERROR

THE WEATHER'S BIG PART IN LUTON'S WIN

STRONG DEFENDERS

By Phœnician

Halifax Town 0 Luton Town 2

FAILING to utilise the great advantage gained through winning the toss on a day when weather conditions were such that they played a leading part in the game, Halifax Town were guilty of a tactical error which lost them their place in the Cup.

When Thompson won the toss, one naturally expected to see him seek the aid of a rather strong wind which looked ominous enough to predict wilder elements. Probably Halifax had the matter weighed up, but they were just a little out in their calculations, for the storm developed before half-time and subsided afterwards.

Thus Luton were given full use of the weather. They snatched this advantage with outstretched arms and thankful hearts, using it to such good effect that they won with something to spare. Weather was the dominating factor, and one can tell how severe it was from the fact that 25 minutes after the start the referee had to stop play for nearly half an hour. Snow fell with such force during this period that the ground was completely covered, and groundsmen had to sweep it off the lines before the match could be restarted.

Before this, however, Luton had taken the lead through a goal by Tait. After half-time it was evident that the Halifax players had realised their mistake, and to me it appeared that their play suffered as a result.

LUTON INSPIRED

They had had a trying time in the first half when keeping the Luton forwards at bay, and when they did have the assistance of the wind—not half so strong as it had been—they were much too tired to use it to any telling purpose. On the other hand, Luton were inspired by their lead. They fought like tigers, and although Halifax made several dashing raids, it was not at all surprising to see Luton go further ahead. This was the final blow to Halifax. They never recovered, and Luton might easily have scored more.

Luton were infinitely the better side, without showing any really good football. They had a splendid defence, which exploited first-time tactics, and a half-back line that never played about with the ball, but put it forward on every possible occasion. Thus Halifax were never allowed to settle down, although Davies and Chambers always needed careful watching.

Luton's main strength was in defence, where Kingham, Mackey and McGinnigle were outstanding. These players received splendid assistance from the forwards, who, without being conspicuous with any clever combination, were a thrustful lot, always strong enough to gain the better of an overworked Halifax defence, in which Barrie was about the best.

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LUTON'S FIFTH CUP VICTORY

HALIFAX BEATEN ON MERIT

(By Crusader)

LUTON TOWN achieved an ambition of the club when they visited Halifax Town on Saturday and won their tie in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup. It was the first time Luton had appeared in the last eight teams in the competition, and the honour was well won, because this was the third occasion on which the team had to travel to meet a club in the Northern Section of the Football League. The victory was thoroughly deserved, and at no point of the game, played under unusual conditions, were Luton in danger of defeat.

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During the first half there was a severe snow storm which resulted in the referee stopping play for a period of about twenty-five minutes. At that stage Luton led by a goal to nil, and there was no change until after the interval, when the issue was placed virtually beyond doubt by a second goal. Luton were immeasurably the better side, playing fine, fast football on the treacherous ground, and the Halifax goal had several narrow escapes, the like of which were never seen in any instance at the Luton goal.

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There was a record crowd of 29,235 spectators, and the receipts were £1,624 10s. 6d. In spite of the heavy snowfall, the crowd made the very best of the day, though, naturally, the Yorkshiremen were sorely disappointed by the defeat of their team. Possibly Halifax made a mistake when their captain chose to face the wind after he had won the toss. Though not exactly direct from goal to goal, the direction was such as to favour the Town in the first half.

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From the kick-off the superiority of Luton was apparent, for they showed better control, their passing was more precise, and the home defenders had to do a lot of ball chasing and could not prevent the Luton forwards getting in shots. Shirlaw accepted a very hot drive from Tait, while Rennie, Alderson and Nelson all had efforts that went wide. Tunstall once carried on after the whistle had sounded for offside, and shot into the net, but there was only a laugh for his pains.

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After a lot of pressure the first goal was scored by TAIT, whose shot was going for the farther corner of the goal, when a defender shot out his foot and deflected the ball into the net. It was shortly after this that the game was stopped owing to the snowstorm, but before that the home goal had twice escaped very narrowly from Rennie, one shot hitting the goalkeeper and being cleared by a defender from close to the line.

During the period of waiting for the snow to cease, many spectators left the ground, while in the enclosure and the stands, hundreds joined in the famous Yorkshire anthem, "On Ilkka Moor." When the storm ceased the markings had to be done afresh. The players found the conditions more difficult, but Luton overcame them the better, and pressed heavily again. Only twice was the Luton goal in any sort of danger before the interval; once when Davies raced in and had only Harford to beat, and shot over; and again when Tunstall made a clever dribble, but was held up by McGinnigle at the expense of a corner which was fruitless. On the other hand, Luton's forwards were often shooting, and once Rennie beat Shirlaw with a fast drive, but the goalkeeper recovered the ball at the second attempt and cleared, the referee refusing the claim for goal. Half-time:—

LUTON 1
HALIFAX nil

Halifax resumed strongly, but they were soon on the defensive again, for they were repelled by a sterling defence, and the forwards were soon giving Shirlaw trouble. The combination between the halves and forwards was all too much for the home halves, and they had to fall back on defence. It came as no surprise when the lead was increased nine minutes after the restart. There was a left wing movement engineered by Fraser, and the ball was centred for Rennie to shoot hard; Shirlaw saved, but could only just push the ball out, and NELSON was on hand to shoot into the net.

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From this point the game seemed to be safe. Harford, however, had more work than he had seen in the first half, but it was usually from long range, and he had plenty of time to punch away, or to gather shots. On the other hand, Shirlaw and his backs were frequently in demand to prevent goals. Very fine shots were made by Tait and Rennie in particular, and there was clever scheming in which Alderson had a big part. Rennie struck the bar with a lovely effort as the game was nearing the end.

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None questioned the result, for it was gained on sheer merit. In every department Luton were the better side. The main strength was at half, for Kean, McGinnigle and Fraser dictated the course of the game, not only getting a firm grip on the home forwards, but also feeding their own attack so well that they were bound to give a lot of trouble. The three played magnificent football throughout. Harford and his backs were safe as could be desired, and the kicking of Kingham and Mackey under adverse conditions was remarkably accurate.

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All the forwards played well, though Roberts did one or two freakish things. Nevertheless, he managed to keep the home backs uncertain as to his intentions, and he and Alderson got on well together. On the other flank, Nelson made good as a winger, while Tait gave splendid support to him, and was a constant source of danger to Shirlaw. Rennie distributed neatly as ever, and had much hard luck with good shots.

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Halifax had a deal for which to thank their rearguard, which was the best part of the team. The halves were not good enough to hold the Luton attack, and much work devolved upon the home backs, who stood up to it well without being capable of preventing the forwards from shooting. Craig did a few good things, particularly in support of his

forwards, but they had very few chances to get away, and fewer still of shooting.

It was a clean, sporting game, a credit to all taking part, and was well controlled. Indeed, it could almost have been conducted by a snow man, so finely did the players enter into the true spirit of the game.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Among the messages of good wishes and congratulations received before or after the game by Mr. Harold Wightman were the following:—

Before the game Mr. Wightman received from Mr. Brough Fletcher, **BARNSELY'S MANAGER**, a letter of best wishes; after the match came a telegram: "Congratulations on your splendid victory, from the directors, officials and players. Best wishes for future rounds. —Brough Fletcher."

Our player last season, **HARRY LOASBY**, now manager of Kettering, wrote: "Delighted that you are doing so well in the Cup. May the boys carry on the good work at Halifax, and then, who knows? At any rate, I wish you all the best of luck. Kind regards to you all."

On behalf of the **LUTON SUPPORTERS' CLUB** Mr. H. I. Godfrey wrote: "I would like to assure you and the team of all the good wishes and interest that will be with you at Halifax. Most fervently we hope that you will win or draw, but even if you lose we are proud of what you have done this season. It is just great. What pleases me so much is that the London Press is beginning to recognise that we exist. I only hope they will have something more to say about us this week-end."

DR. LESLIE BURGIN writes: "May I, as Member for Luton, hasten to send my congratulations on a magnificent performance. — Yours sincerely, Leslie Burgin."

Mr. **OLLIE SMALL**, from Torquay: "Congratulations on your great victory."

Mr. **BERT SANDERS**, now of Banbury, who played full back for Luton Town

forty years ago, wired: "Congratulations on the splendid victory. What about Wembley?"

From **MR. S. GIBBONS**, hon. treasurer of the Berks and Bucks F.A.: "Many hearty congratulations on your team's success yesterday. May I meet them at Wembley."

From **MR. T. ANDREWS**, Edgware: "Congratulations on the team's success. Re Everton v. Luton Town. Remember the Palace beat them 6—0. With all their Dixie Deans, you have got eleven good men that may repeat a further success. Peg away."

From a **LEEDS UNITED SUPPORTER**: "I would like to convey my best wishes to your Club on their great performances in their fight for the F.A. Cup. It is a great pleasure to see one of the Third Division sides making a great bid for the Cup, especially the Club I so often watched years ago. Before Saturday's game I was looking forward to Leeds and Luton having a great game, but it was not to be, so I am sending best wishes from a few Bedfordians down here for the success of Luton at Everton. They are not such a great team as to unnerve anybody, and we all hope to see Luton put the k.o. on them. We are all pleased with the reports of Alderson, one of our old players; best luck to him and to his team mates. I hope you will not object to my writing, only as one of the old Bedford boys I thought it would be a pleasure to voice my wishes and those of a few of Leeds United supporters. Sincere wishes and good luck to the management and players in their great fight."

CRITICS' PRAISE

Almost without exception the Northern writers give Luton all praise for their success, and these three are particularly interesting.

The first two are by different writers in the "Halifax Daily Courier":—

"Town (Halifax) were outplayed, and there could be no doubt that Luton deserved their victory. They were definitely the better team in all departments."

"They (Luton) were, in short, all-powerful, and Town (Halifax) at no period had looked like winners. Luton adapted their play to the conditions, and fully deserved their victory in a game which was spoilt by the wintry weather."

Hugh Whitfield, writing in the "Leeds Mercury," says: "The Luton attack was too bold and too clever for Halifax in this Cup battle at the Shay. They often out-generalled and out-maneuvred the Halifax forces. That is the clear fact that emerges from this match. The Luton Town forwards were immensely superior to those of Halifax. This was generally admitted by the sporting Halifax crowd. I heard no excuse made for the defeat, but only generous praise for Luton's skill, and a ready admission of the visitors' superiority."

"There was never any real doubt of Luton's superiority. Halifax were dangerous only in occasional raids, and their attacking moves lacked the cohesion and craft of Luton's. The best

that can be said of the home men is that they fought stubbornly and cleanly in a fine sporting game, and took their medicine without pulling a face about it. They were up against a big, powerful and clever side. No team will be able to treat Luton Town lightly in this Cup competition."

After referring to the defence, he adds: "But it was the clever combination, swift raiding and ready shooting of the forwards that impressed me most. Most interesting of all to me was the greatly improved form of Alderson, the inside-left, since his Leeds United days. This was a new Alderson—an Alderson who had shed all his awkwardness, and was wonderfully quick in picking up a loose ball and using it to the best advantage, either by a flick to his wing man or a through pass to his centre, Alderson, as they say, has 'come on a ton' since he left Leeds."

Mr. E. Dickinson, of Wakefield, the old Lutonian who wrote so enthusiastically of Luton's game at Barnsley, sent "Crusader" the reference culled from the "Leeds Mercury," and in a covering letter said: "Personally I thoroughly enjoyed the game. There was never a period when Luton did not appear to have the game completely in hand. I saw a number of old friends, and had a chat with Bob Hawkes, Dick Ward and Horace Day. If Luton keep up their form there is no reason why they should not appear at Wembley."

Marching On!



THE FAIR YORKSHIRE TOWN OF HALIFAX LOOKED MORE LIKE TOMSK, OMSK, OR PETROPAYLOVSK ON SATURDAY, AND THAT IN SPITE OF



28,000 YORKSHIREMEN SINGING "ON ILKLA MOOR BAHT AT," AND WIELDING A STURDY BROOM TO CLEAR THE GROUND.



LUTONS FIRST GOAL SHOOK MOST OF THE SNOW OFF THE HALIFAX PEOPLE BUT IT ALL



CAME DOWN AGAIN ON THE PITCH, AND JUDGING BY THE ARMY OF YORKISTS WHO STARTED TO WORK WITH THE BROOMS AGAIN, THEY WANTED TO SWEEP



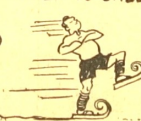
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AND NEARLY CAUSED THE BRISTLES OF THOSE BROOMS TO FALL OUT!



WELL, WE BEAT BARNISLEY IN THE MUD.



THE SPURS ON AN ICE RINK,



HALIFAX IN A SNOWSTORM, AND WE'LL BEAT EVERTON IF THEY



PLAY ON THEIR TOFFEE!

Luton gained a splendid victory at Halifax on Saturday in the Fifth Round of the English Cup.

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RECORD BREAKING CUP FEAT

SNOWSTORM CAUSES HOLD-UP AT HALIFAX

32/33
TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES STOPPAGE
—AND YORKSHIREMEN SING

TAIT GETS ONLY FIRST HALF GOAL

NELSON'S SUCCESS AFTER THE
CHANGE OVER

Players Triumph Over Slippery Conditions

(By Crusader).

For the first time in history the F.A. Cup draw for the round preceding the semi-final will on Monday include the name of Luton Town.

Luton Town encountered the full force of the snow-storm at Halifax this afternoon, and the referee called the players in after twenty-seven minutes' play. It was another twenty-seven minutes before there was a resumption.

At half-time the Town led by the only goal, scored by Tait at the end of twenty minutes.

The teams changed over without a break, and Nelson put the Town further ahead ten minutes after the interval.

To this lead the Town tenaciously hung on in the face of desperate attacks by the Northerners.

WHEN LUTON TOWN started for HALIFAX this morning at nine o'clock it was the third occasion on which they had travelled north on the same errand—the Cup! Although this was not the excursion train, it might have been by the number of supporters who accompanied the team, and everybody was more confident than ever that success awaited them in Yorkshire, and the players not less than anyone else.

That was a good sign, and although Halifax did not subscribe to the general opinion of Luton that the task before the Hatters was easier than on their two previous journeys, on the achievements of the teams there was ample justification for the view that Luton would win.

Halifax fancied their chances because they were at full strength, but many of us held the opinion that the Town would not suffer by the absence of Mills, since it meant the return of Rennie to the leadership, and the change would give the right wing added weight to meet a hefty left flank in opposition.

We ran into snowstorms across the Yorkshire border, but even there, there were patches of sunshine, and we hoped for the best. At Halifax, however, snow was falling heavily. Before Bob Hawkes and myself reached the ground we had snow inside, as well as outside, our clothes, and were like snowmen when we got there.

We had no little difficulty in getting in the ground, having to break long queues of spectators who were braving the snow and cold breeze. Colours were everywhere, and there was a crowd estimated at 15,000 half an hour before the start. The Press seats were right on the front, and we were just right for stopping the heavier flakes of snow, so we were in for an unpleasant afternoon and just how much I could get through was a problem.

Twenty minutes before the start, groundsmen were busy clearing the lines with brooms. The water poured over my hands and paper as I scribbled away, and, on the whole, I fancy the photographers had the better job, in spite of being in the open, for they were not troubled with frozen fingers.

Things improved when the snowfall ceased, and we were able to lift our heads and take a peep at the ground. It deserves all the compliments paid to it, and, as far as we could gather when the snow was cleared, was in good condition.

Four minutes before the kick-off there would be a crowd of 20,000, and more were waiting to get in. Just as the teams turned out a band paraded the ground headed by a couple of hopefuls, one in the Halifax colours, blue and white, bearing a Felix cat, and the other holding aloft a large imitation of the F.A. Cup.

Right	LUTON TOWN				Left
	Harford				
	Kingham		Mackey		
Kean		McGinnigle		Fraser	
Nelson	Tait	Rennie	Alderson	Roberts	
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Tunstall	Wellock	Chambers	Brown	Davies	
	Parkin	Craig	Thompson		
	Barrie		Flack		
	Shirlaw				
Left	HALIFAX TOWN				

Referee:—Mr. J. J. ...

To-day's Marksmen



T. TAIT.



A. NELSON.

How The Goals Were Scored

There was a stiff cross breeze. Kean lost the toss, and Luton were soon away, but Rennie was pulled up for off-ice. A good effort by Fraser gave Tait a chance for a shot, Shirlaw saving.

ANYBODY'S GAME

The Town kept on the attack for a few moments, Kean being prominent. A first-time effort by Rennie was yards too high, and then both Harford and Shirlaw had to run out to clear. A long shot by Alderson proved ineffective.

The ground was slippery under the snow, and it was anybody's game.

Roberts again did neat work, and Nelson met his centre and put over. When Nelson slipped he let in Davies, but the latter was given offside, and play settled in midfield.

FIRST SCORE AN OFFSIDER

Kingham was called upon to clear, and there was a great yell when, after another miss by Fraser, the home team got through the middle and Chambers scored, but the whistle had gone long before he got the ball.

The Town got away from McGinnigle's pass and completely beat the defence, but Alderson shot badly and missed a good opportunity. Foothold was very bad indeed, and he could be excused.

Halifax got away, but again they were offside. Roberts and Alderson sent across goal, and Nelson just missed.

TAIT WINS THE LEAD

Snowflakes were falling heavily now, and the Town rushed through on the left. The ball came across to TAIT, who tricked Craig, and shot. The ball struck Parkin and went into the net, to give Luton the lead after twenty minutes' play.

Tait had another shot, which Shirlaw saved.

A great movement by the Town forwards brought a pass from Nelson to Rennie, but a clever shot rebounded from the goalkeeper and the ball was scrambled away anyhow.

REFEREE CALLS A HALT

The Town were having all the play in a driving snowstorm, and it came as no surprise when the referee called a halt after twenty-seven minutes.

Snow was falling heavily, and my hand could scarcely drive pencil across paper.

Whether there would be a resumption or not it was impossible to say, but it looked very doubtful. The crowd began singing "On Ilklay Moor 'baht 'at" and continued for ten minutes. Then the snow thinned a little and they began to call for the game to be resumed.

When the referee and the two club managers returned the groundsmen became busy with brooms, and the snow ceased almost as suddenly as it had begun, leaving a clear landscape. For how long we could not say.

Every spectator in the open and in the enclosure was wearing a coat of snow, and so were the Pressmen in the first row of the stand.

TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES BREAK

The men with the brooms were cleared, and the referee was urged to fetch the teams out, for the spectators wanted the match to go on. The referee started the game again after a break of twenty-seven minutes, to a cheer.

The first incident was a rush by the Luton right, and Tait shot into Shirlaw's hands. A moment later there was another rush, and Nelson passed well, but Rennie shot wide.

A quick burst by the home forwards was stopped grandly by Mackey, and then Davies went right through, and with only Harford to beat, shot over the bar. Mackey and Kingham did well now, for the snow lay thick, and it seemed to suit Halifax.

Another assault by the Town brought a couple of corners, but these were got away. A great bit of work by Tunstall, in which he beat Kingham and Mackey, compelled McGinnigle to give a corner, but Kean cleared, and the Town got away.

ANOTHER GOAL APPEALED FOR

Alderson played grandly to beat the defence, and Rennie shot in a gorgeous first-timer. Shirlaw could not hold it,

and the Town unsuccessfully appealed for a goal, as the goalkeeper turned round and hooked the ball out.

A moment later Flack kicked out a shot from Mackey with the goalkeeper beaten.

Half-time:—

HALIFAX TOWN	0
LUTON TOWN	1

The teams changed over without leaving the field.

At once Halifax got away and forced a corner. This was not very troublesome, but Halifax were now playing desperately, and required holding. Snow was beginning to fall again, and the wind increasing, and the Town were facing it.

NELSON GETS THE SECOND

Mackey got the better of the home right wing, and was again strong in defence. A burst by Tait and Nelson looked promising, but neither Alderson nor Roberts could act in time, owing to the slippery state of the ground. Ten minutes after the restart Fraser opened a movement, which Alderson and Roberts carried on. The ball was centred to Rennie, and his shot hit the goalkeeper, but NELSON was at hand and easily scored.

DEFENCE STAND UP TO IT

Halifax were desperate now, but the Town defended grandly. Harford punched away three times in grand style, and Kingham and Mackey were doing well under difficult conditions.

Tunstall was well watched, and could not do much. Flack got the Town left in a dangerous situation, and then Thompson was damaged by the heavy ball.

A good run by Tait ended with a wide shot, and just afterwards he ran right through and drove in a hard shot which Shirlaw saved well.

RENNIE BARRED BY THE BAR

A fine centre by Davies gave Wellock a chance, and he shot well, but Harford saved at the post. Roberts shot into Shirlaw's hands after Tait had given him the opening.

Mackey had to give a corner to stop Tunstall, but this was cleared by Kean. A fine run by Rennie ended well, with a close drive.

Just afterwards Rennie dribbled through and beat Shirlaw, but the shot hit the bar and went over.

Result:—

HALIFAX	0
LUTON TOWN	2

RECORD ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE: 29,235.
RECEIPTS: £1,624.
The attendance beat the record by over 7,000.

Luton's Splendid 2-0 Cup Victory at Halifax



"We don't care if it snows!"—Luton spectators who saw the Town defeat Halifax by two goals to nil at Halifax on Saturday in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup. These supporters left Luton by motor-coach, and had been travelling since 6 a.m. In the lower right hand picture directors and players of Luton Town F.C. are seen leaving Halifax Station on their way to the ground. Left to right are: Millr. Fraser, Mr. E. E. Gibbs, Mackey, Kingham, Mr. A. Richardson, Harford, Alderson, and Mr. Chas. Jeyes.



F. Kean, the Town captain, with the Halifax captain before the toss up. On the left is the Halifax mascot with his black cat. The referee was Mr. A. H. Kingscott, of Derby.



Drive in aid of New Unemployed Centre



The Mayoress of Luton, Mrs. H. Simpson, presenting prizes at the Whist Drive held at Luton Liberal Club on Saturday, in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for the new Occupational Centre for the Unemployed. Also in the picture are the Mayor, Councillor G. Wistow Walker, and Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Burgin.



"Pictorial" photographs of play during the Town's Cup match at Halifax on Saturday, when they made history by getting into the round preceding the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. After nearly 30 minutes' play a blinding snowstorm stopped the game for 27 minutes, with the Town leading. Above, Rennie is forcing his way between two Halifax defenders when play started again after the blizzard.



The Town's first goal was scored by Tait, and the second by Nelson, who is seen above starting on a long slide when putting over a centre.



This picture was taken just before the blizzard, and shows Shirlaw, the Halifax goalkeeper, saving a drive from Rennie.