

LUTON'S HAPPY EASTER

SEVEN POINTS OF A POSSIBLE EIGHT COLLECTED

Rennie Gets a Few

(By Crusader)

On Friday, at Luton.
LUTON TOWN 6
SWINDON TOWN 2
LUTON—Innis, Kingham, Mackey, Brown, McManis, Fraser, Mills, Hutchison, Rennie, Nelson, Rowe, Garry.
SWINDON—Wiggs, Stanfield, Garry, Cousins, Godfrey, Braithwaite, van der Grinten, Scott, Stammers, Brooks, Williams, A. Scott.
 Referee—Mr. C. C. Denton, Northampton.

On Saturday, at Luton.
LUTON TOWN 2
ALDERSHOT TOWN 1
 Luton team as above, except Alderson for Nelson.
ALDERSHOT.—Roth, McDougall, Burgess, Gerrard, Mladistov, Lawson, Peck, Thom, Smithson, Lane, Fishlock.
 Referee: Mr. P. Smith, Walsall.

At Swindon, on Monday.
SWINDON TOWN 1
LUTON TOWN 1
 Luton team as above save Whalley for Alderson.
 Swindon team as above save Beutrock for Garry.
 Referee same.

At Luton, on Tuesday.
LUTON TOWN 1
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS ... 1
 Luton team as above except Whalley for Hutchison; Hutchison for Tail.
RANGERS.—Beecham; Barrie, G.P. Adams, Armstrong, Goodier, Hall, Adams, Armstrong, Goodier, Marscroft, Blackman, Wiles, Brown, Howe.
 Referee: Mr. W. E. Russell, Swindon.

Too much stress should not be laid on the success of the Town during Easter, for although one does not wish to depreciate their performance in any way, the fact remains that three of the four games were at home, and the opposition was not particularly strong. In the ordinary way the Town would have been expected to take at least six points, and there was no great merit in being able to bring away a point from Swindon on their own ground, since they are struggling to avoid the bottom two positions in the League, and had been so heavily trounced at Luton three days before.

There is satisfaction, however, in the rise in the table. Before the holiday the Town were by no means safe from the indignity of figuring very close to the bottom of the table, but now they should be nearer the middle, and if they could take as many points from their last four games of the season as from the four during Easter they would certainly go above the middle of the table. Can they take six points from the following games?

HOME
 Southend
 Watford

AWAY
 Q.P. Rangers
 Crystal Palace

THANKS mainly to their big win on Good Friday, they have put their goal average on the right side, and the defence should be good enough to keep it there if the forwards can only manage a few more. The most disappointing feature of the holiday games has been the attendance. Perhaps one could not expect a big crowd on Tuesday owing to the resumption of work, and maybe conscience kept a lot away on Good Friday, but that is hardly a feasible excuse in face of the fact that the attendance on Saturday was even smaller than that of the previous day. End of the season of "gates," of course, but the expenses of the club are the same at the end of the season as at the beginning as far as individual matches are concerned, and one might well recall with some feeling the Cup-ties, and ask where all those followers have gone.

DESPERATE SWINDON

A POINT was brought away from Swindon on Monday after an extraordinary game. In many respects the play was very much as in the first half of the match on Friday. The Town showed the same skill, but Swindon were very determined, and played a vigorous game. Play had been in progress some time before the Town gave Briggs very much work, and then he had quite as much as he could manage, and probably a great deal more than he wanted. The

best shot of the half was put in by Whalley after a neat bit of combination with Rennie, and Briggs was glad to see the ball go over the bar when he got the tips of his fingers to it. However, Inrie had something to do also, and his goal had a couple of narrow shaves.

After the change of ends Swindon attacked so fiercely that it seemed only a matter of time before they would score, and then the question would be how many they could notch. When the goal did come, following fine saves by Inrie, it was scored by WILKING, who was allowed too much rope, and dribbled right through to shoot from close quarters. It was a long time before the Town could make any sort of reply. The forwards were dispossessed very easily, and they did not give Briggs a single shot to save in the first half-hour. Macker and Fraser took a turn at going right up the field, and it was from a good movement by Fraser that the equalling goal came.

After a scuffle in mid-field, in which Whalley was knocked out, Fraser took possession and carried the ball for some distance. Then he piled Rowe with a clever pass all along the ground, and the winger took the ball in his stride, cut in, out-pacing pursuers, and was within six yards of goal when he shot hard as Seabrook raced across to intercept: the ball struck the back's foot, or it would probably have found the net; it hit the upright, and came out almost squarely to RENNIE, who shot first time, and gave Briggs no chance.

Inrie did more splendid work after this, for Swindon worked with tremendous zeal and vigour, and forced corners, but they could not beat a very powerful defence that never gave away a foot, or flinched a challenge. Just before the end the Town nearly won the match, but only a fruitless corner resulted. It was a point well won because the Town's defence was too skilful and courageous for an attack that relied almost entirely on brute strength to force goals.