

LUTON'S TIDAL WAVES

WITH SOUTHEND AS A POWERFUL BACK-WASH

(By Crusader)

FOLLOWING up their brilliant game against Watford, in which they succeeded by the odd goal of five, Luton Town gave another grand exhibition against Southend United on Saturday, and had they received their deserts they would have won. The third goal scored by the visitors was an off-side goal, but the referee did not see it that way. Apart from that, however, the Town pressed for extended periods, and they had the hardest of luck. Rennie twice hit the timber with the goalkeeper beaten, and shots missed by inches with goalkeeper out of position, while Moore gave one of the finest exhibitions of goalkeeping we have seen on the ground this season.

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ROWE scored for the Town two minutes after the kick-off, following severe pressure in which Moore had already shown his skill, but SHANKLY headed the equalising goal eleven minutes later following a free kick after Jones had been brought down unfairly. Southend had the better of the exchanges for some time after this, but they had nothing like the chances that fell to the Town, whose halves and forwards played beautiful football, but had no luck when it came to finishing off their attacks, for Moore, granted that he had some luck, was almost a superman in goal.

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From Rowe came the centre that enabled MILLS to head a goal and give the Town the lead in the second half after attacks had been beaten off, and Moore had repeated his feats of the first half. But the lead was short lived, for CLENSHAW netted with a magnificent shot following clever play on the right wing, and loose work among the Town defenders. To add to the Town's discomfiture another goal followed from a free kick, SHANKLY scoring from an off-side position. The Town players protested strongly, but the referee was adamant. However, the Town, who had been playing with fine spirit and had much the better of the game in the

second half, fought back grandly, and after many attacks Rowe again centred for MILLS to head a goal.

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Rennie hit the bar with a fine effort, and Moore, among numerous brilliant saves, effected a really marvellous save from Rowe when the latter headed in from a free kick. Rowe, Hutchison and Mills also went very close, and on the run of the game the Town deserved both points. There has seldom been a game this year in which the team work has been more pronounced and the marksmanship of the forwards so effective, but Moore's grand work saved a point for the visitors.

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It was a very fine match with the Town playing in tidal waves and Southend the powerful back-wash. It was played at a tremendous pace all through, and revealed a lot of skilful football on both sides. Rowe was the shining light of the Town attack, playing a glorious game, but he owed a deal to the feeding of Rennie and Tait, while Hutchison also played superbly, and Rennie was at his very best as one of the cleverest inside-lefts in the country. Mills and Tait did better than in the previous game.

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The halves found more trouble among the visitors' forwards than usual, but they all played well, even though they were beaten at times by the accurate combination of the visitors, especially the right wing. Kingham and Mackey were not at their best, but both seemed to be handicapped by the conditions. Imrie did his part all right, and had no chance with the shots that beat him.

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SOUTHEND UNITED 3

LUTON.—Imrie; Kingham, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Mills, Hutchison, Tait, Rennie, Rowe.

SOUTHEND.—Moore; Whelan, Robinson; Dixon, Wilson, Donovan; Barnett, Jones, Shankly, Lewis, Clenshaw.

Referee: Mr. S. F. Rous, Hemel Hempstead.