

THE HIGH HAT

Luton Town's Magnificent
Start

Brilliant Second-Half
Rallies

FOUR POINTS FROM TWO MATCHES

(By CRUSADER)

At Northampton on Saturday.

LUTON TOWN 3
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2

Scorers: For Luton, TAIT (3). For Northampton, TOLLAND (2).

NORTHAMPTON.—Cave; Crilley, Dawes (F.), Dowsey, Park, Davies; Cherry, Boyle, Dawes (A.), Tolland, Wells.

LUTON TOWN.—Mittell; Kingham, Gibson; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Pease, Martin, Tait, Rennie, Pearson.

Referee.—Mr. A. J. Jewell, London.

LUTON TOWN supporters, and all associated with the club, have reason to be highly gratified by the magnificent start that has been made to the new season. Full points from two such hard games as Northampton away, and Charlton Athletic at home, should be good enough to stir even the most sluggish follower, and bring him into a warm belief that the club has a chance to reach the upper circle this season. Judging by their two performances they will go a long way towards that happy consummation, although I am not claiming that they were so far superior to the opposition that they will do the same to every team they meet.

AT Northampton a crowd of 16,500 saw a hard and fast game, in which the balance was fairly even until the second half, and then the Hatters were far too good for the home side, and on every hand one heard high praise of their play, and admissions that they were getting not a whit more than their deserts. The only flaw to those of us who wanted to see such a start was the lapse after holding a lead of three goals clear, and it was significant that the same thing had happened a few hours earlier, when the reserves of each club were engaged at Luton.

TAIT had the credit of netting the ball three times in quick succession at Northampton, but actually his was the least part in the performance. The opportunities were all made by the sparkling form of the Town right wing, with Kean as their assistant. On each occasion the goalkeeper had little chance, Tait simply had to turn the ball into the net. He has the credit for a "hat trick," but it is more than likely that Crilly kicked the ball into the net for the last goal, though had he not done so, Tait could hardly have missed. Both kicked the ball together, and we all thought then that the game was over, bar shouting.

LUTON should have scored more goals, but the rest came from the Cobblers, who have found in TOLLAND, of Ayr United, a very useful player. Though goal-scoring is not supposed to be his forte, he registered with two brilliant shots. The Town were short-handed, through Kean being off, while Gibson was limping as the result of an injured tendon, when the second goal was scored, but generally, the Town players had eased up after getting three goals ahead, and this sort of thing will not pay. The Cobblers played to the last gasp, and very nearly drew level.