

BRISTOL CITY BEATEN

Luton Town Gain Their Third Victory

(By "CRUSADER")

PERHAPS the most satisfying feature of LUTON TOWN'S match with BRISTOL CITY on Saturday was the fact that for the first time in nine games the Town goal did not fall. There were some narrow escapes for once in each half a City marksman hit the woodwork. Generally, however, Harford had a very light job, his most arduous spell coming in the second half.

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Not so Scattergood at the other end. In spite of the many opportunities missed, the Town forwards gave the City custodian a warm time, and he responded magnificently. On this showing he is good enough for the highest class, and it should not be long ere he touches the quality of his father, who kept goal for England just twenty years ago.

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The Town deserved their success on the run of the game, and by reason of their superior skill, but they would not have had to give the City very much latitude or there would have been a different result. What they were lacking in the finer phases the City strove to compensate by dash, and from time to time they swooped down on the Town defence and fought desperately to get through. Luckily for the Town their marksmanship was poor.

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The Town earned their first half lead, and Bell signalled his return to the leadership by a goal in five minutes. Main credit, however, belonged to the left wing. Rennie sent Anderson away with a splendid pass, and the winger middled beautifully for BELL to head into the net. The second was an entirely different type of goal. MARTIN took possession well out, and wound up with a sinuous dribble, in which he beat four opponents, with a ground shot just inside the post. It was a delightful effort, all too rare in these days of speed and thrust.

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Both goalkeepers were engaged often before the change of ends, with Scattergood the more frequently in demand, and although the Town defence did not appear to be impregnable, the more exciting scenes were witnessed in the neighbourhood of Scattergood. The City goalkeeper and his backs had little respite, and, like their halves, they struggled gamely without further loss before the interval.

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The second period was patchy. At times play touched a high standard, and then it would lapse into a mere kick and rush affair. Now and then the Town would set up a tremendous assault, and in one period Scattergood performed extraordinary feats to clear his lines again and again. He should have been beaten, and Martin and Bell each missed an easy chance.

The third goal, which made the game safe from the Town, was scored by BELL, who tapped the ball through after Martin had helped along a corner kick by Pease. The City, who had shown a little better combination soon after the change of ends, found Kingham and Mackey too good for them as a rule, in spite of weakness at half. Loftus was the principal figure in the attacks, though his part came chiefly from the rear, but his colleagues could not make good use of their chances.

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Keenly though the City played there was little that called for the intervention of the referee, though Scriven once lost his head a bit before the end. On the whole play was clean, though not lacking in vigour. Had the Town been able to finish well they would have had a much more prominent success, and the lapses in the second half would have been overlooked. The changes that were made were not wholly successful.

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Harford was all right in goal, and his backs were better than in any previous game, both kicking and tackling well. At half Fraser was in great form, and did not overlook the necessity of keeping an eye on defence as well as attack. Brown was not so good as last season when he deputised for Kean, though he made a few clever moves and McGinnigle had an off day as compared with his average game.

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There was a reflection of this in the attack. Pease has not had less of the ball in any previous game, and as he was well watched by Brinton, his was not a very profitable game. Martin was clever as usual, but shot badly. Bell was always a worker, and his return to the side was popular; Rennie and Anderson made a capital wing, but the inside man forgot that Pease was wanting work. Anderson made a very successful debut, and played well throughout in spite of an injury.

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When the City have got together a bit better they will give opponents a lot of trouble. Their defence was very sound, considering that Roberts and Birks are but on trial, and Scattergood only completed his month's trial a few days ago. Brinton was a very clever half-back, and Loftus was the outstanding forward, his footwork and service to his colleagues being superb. 8,831 spectators; £492 8s. receipts.

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LUTON TOWN: Harford; Kingham, Mackey; Brown, McGinnigle, Fraser; Pease, Martin, Bell, Rennie, Anderson.	
BRISTOL CITY: Scattergood; Roberts, Birks; Parker, Jennings, Brinton; Homer, Heale, Bowen, Loftus, Scriven.	
Referee: Mr W. J. Lewington, Croydon.	