

DOWN EXETER WAY

Luton Town Had an Unlucky Day

(By "CRUSADER")

LUTON TOWN went under at EXETER after a game in which they had the better of the first half with the exception of the goal-scoring, and perhaps, taking the game as a whole, the City deserved their success, though they had all the good luck that was going. RENNIE opened the scoring for the Town thirteen minutes after the start, when a hard drive by Tait rebounded from a defender, but Exeter soon equalised, following a free kick against Brown, though there was a strong appeal for offside against the scorer, POULTER.

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AFTER the Town had done the more pressing, but without getting in a telling shot, POULTER headed a second goal when the home team broke away and Whitlow centred from far out on the right, and before the interval HURST put on the third, the winger getting a clear run for goal when Kingham slipped down on the frozen turf. Rennie had very hard lines just before the change of ends, when he tried to rush in a centre, the ball striking his knee and going just behind, the goal-keeper being helpless.

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SECOND-HALF play was largely in favour of the home side, who booted the ball about well, and did not take any risk in defence. Rennie had to retire for a time owing to a collision, in which his nose bled profusely, and then Kingham was hurt in a tackle and had to be helped off. RENNIE came back, and almost immediately good work by McGinnigle, Tait and Lawson enabled the centre-forward to score with a right-foot shot as the ball came across from the right. The Town nearly equalised just afterwards. Then Exeter broke away and, after good saves by Harford, HURST put on the fourth goal.

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THE Town played up well just before the end, and came very near scoring on several occasions. Kingham just failed to get at a ball when Rennie drove it across the goalmouth, and the latter skimmed

the bar, and then had a hot free kick deflected for a corner. The game was almost tame for long periods of this half, however, and there was little to arouse enthusiasm, though Harford once made the spectators cheer to the echo when he brought off a wonderful save from Whitlow.

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THE Town defence was not very confident on the frozen turf, though Harford and Mackey played grandly all through. Kingham was not at his best, nor were the halves, though doing good work individually. Brown was quite useful at right-half, and in the forward line Hutchison had no superior in the first half, while Rennie was as good as any on the field. The new formation of the Town attack was not a pronounced success.

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EXETER CITY 4

LUTON TOWN 2

EXETER.—Davies; Gray, Hughes; Clarke, Webb, Hardie; Whitlow, Wrightson, Poulter, Houghton, Hurst.

LUTON.—Harford; Kingham, Mackey; Brown, McGinnigle, Fraser; Lawson, Tait, Rennie (A.), Hutchison, Anderson.

Referee.—Mr. J. M. Wiltshire, Sherborne.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (SOUTH)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Norwich	16	11	3	2	44	24	24
Rangers	16	9	4	3	30	17	21
Coventry	16	8	4	4	39	22	20
Charlton	16	9	5	2	43	26	20
Palace	17	8	5	4	35	29	20
Reading	16	8	5	3	35	22	9
Bristol R.	16	8	5	3	29	21	19
Exeter	18	8	6	4	31	24	20
LUTON TOWN	18	7	7	4	37	34	18
Swindon	16	7	5	4	26	30	18
Orient	16	6	6	4	24	23	16
Brighton	17	6	8	3	28	26	15
Aldershot	16	5	6	5	16	22	15
Bournemouth	16	6	8	2	28	34	14
Gillingham	16	5	7	4	29	36	14
Torquay	16	6	8	2	22	39	14
Northampton	16	5	8	3	25	31	13
Watford	16	4	8	4	24	29	12
Cardiff	16	5	9	2	22	37	12
Newport	16	3	7	6	14	25	12
Bristol C.	16	3	8	5	23	38	11
Southend	16	4	9	3	15	30	11