

A PICK-ME-UP AT BRISTOL

Luton Town Gain a Point

(By "CRUSADER")

LUTON TOWN did much to compensate their followers for the defeat of the previous week when they visited, and brought a point from, BRISTOL CITY on Saturday. It was in some respects a curious game, the difference between the styles of play being particularly marked in the first half. Whereas the City went into the game with all the vigour and dash that is associated chiefly with Cup-tie football, the Town played a cool and scientific game, and for that reason had the better chances.

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THEY should have made the result secure before change of ends, for, although the City came very near scoring on many occasions, the chances were not so cleverly worked, nor so clear cut, as those which came to the Town forwards. Bell, especially, could not get the run of the ball properly after doing magnificent work with his colleagues, and apparently he was over-eager to score against his old club. Time after time the ball was worked past the home defenders, but the finishing was very weak.

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THIS was notable just before the change of ends, when brilliant combination completely beat the home halves and backs, and Bell had only Scattergood to beat, but he misdirected the ball twice, and it went wide. He was not the only sinner, by any means, and it was a great pity that the cleverness of the forwards and halves had no better reward before the cross-over. The City showed much better marksmanship, and the way they banged at goal when within range roused their supporters to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Every player worked might and main to beat down a compact defence, in which Harford did great work.

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IN the second half the Town were just as prominent and as dangerous as previously, but play became rather rough, and the City gained confidence and put in even more energy during the last 20 minutes. Scattergood had not a great deal to do because the Town's shooting was poor by comparison with that of their hosts, but there were two or three chances that should have been turned to account. Against that was the fact that the home backs and halves never stood on ceremony, and there were times when play was distinctly unpleasant.

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THE City's best period was in the later stages. Time after time they simply went into the assault as a team, halves and forwards going pell-mell for goal and shooting hard and often. Harford gave a grand display, saving time after time, and

making no single error, and this in spite of the fact that he was handicapped by a sprained ankle. Shots from all quarters were accepted, and although he had good fortune two or three times, he deserved it.

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KINGHAM and Mackey were valiant protectors of Harford's charge, too, and they kicked and tackled gamely and skillfully, while the halves, who had done much bright work with the forwards in the first session, also proved capable in defence, and received help when necessary towards the end from their inside forwards. The City played desperately in the last few minutes, and the Town goal had not a few escapes, but the end came without a goal.

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APART from the weakness in front of a goal, little fault could be found with the Town as a team. They were always playing the more attractive and scientific football, but the City could be excused their dispensation of pretty football owing to their lowly position in the League, and their success over Brighton three days previously. They found, however, that the hustle and bustle was not profitable, and by far their most dangerous forward was Loftus, who played splendid football all through, though he roamed a deal in the second period.

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BRISTOL CITY 0
LUTON TOWN 0

BRISTOL CITY: Scattergood; Roberts, Birks; Jennings, Farr, Brinton; Hemer, Banfield, Riley, Loftus, Scriven.

LUTON: Harford; Kingham, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Pease, Martin, Bell, Rennie (A.), Hutchison.

Referee: Mr. W. J. Lewington. Croydon.

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THE LEAGUE, DIV. III. (South)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Norwich	28	17	5	6	63	38	40
Rangers	27	16	6	5	51	31	37
Coventry	28	14	7	7	65	37	35
Reading	27	14	6	7	57	33	35
Charlton	26	15	8	3	57	37	33
Exeter	28	14	10	4	54	38	32
Bristol Rovers	26	13	8	5	53	35	31
LUTON TOWN	28	12	9	7	56	47	31
Swindon	27	11	10	6	38	43	28
Aldershot	27	9	8	10	35	42	28
Orient	28	10	12	6	47	50	26
Palace	27	9	10	8	42	45	26
Northampton	26	9	11	6	49	51	24
Watford	28	9	14	5	47	48	23
Brighton	27	7	11	9	37	42	23
Torquay	27	9	13	5	32	56	23
Gillingham	27	8	13	6	53	66	22
Bournemouth	27	8	14	5	42	61	21
Southend	27	7	13	7	32	48	21
Bristol City	26	5	11	10	39	55	20
Newport	27	4	11	12	28	46	20
Cardiff	27	7	17	3	38	66	17