

LUTON'S BRILLIANT FOOTBALL

Clapton Orient Vanquished

(By "CRUSADER")

ONCE more LUTON TOWN evoked the admiration of their followers by a brilliant display against CLAPTON ORIENT at Luton on Saturday, and deservedly won. The visitors, who had a little following as a result of their fine victory over Aldershot the previous Saturday, played a hard and vigorous game, and kept going all out to the final whistle, but they had very few chances as compared with those that were made by the winners.

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ROBERTSON, the Orient goalkeeper, saved his side from a crushing defeat, for there were periods when his goal was bombarded, particularly in the second half. He had a good deal of luck, but none better deserved it, for he brought off remarkable saves when it seemed as if the goal must fall. In the first half, quite early on, he managed to knock on to the bar a grand drive from Hutchison, and the ball rebounded to safety.

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LATER on Pease beat the defence and the goalkeeper and his shot crashed against the jointure of upright and crossbar and came out. Two or three times the ball was kicked away from the line when Robertson was beaten, and the only score before the change of ends came from BELL. Taking a neatly headed pass from Hutchison the centre-forward forced his way past Keen, and then shot hard and low just inside the post as Robertson dived in vain.

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NOW and again Harford was called upon by the visitors, but generally he had a quiet time, for the Town halves played magnificent football, and assisted their forwards to the attack again and again. Martin, Rennie and Bell only just failed with splendid shots. At the other end Mayson and Halliday gave Harford his few spasms of trouble and French should have scored once, but for the most part it was

stalled Fellowes' anticipation of the pass, but the latter played a fine defensive game.

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ROBERTSON was almost a superman, saving magnificently, and probably eclipsing any goalkeeper's display on the ground this season. The backs were rugged and vigorous and the halves were relentless tacklers, but had little time to assist the forwards. Mills was clever when he had possession, but Fraser and McGinnigle subdued him and Halliday, and the best of the visitors' attack was Mayson.

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LUTON TOWN 2
CLAPTON ORIENT 0

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

ORIENT: Robertson; Keen, Crompton; Fogg, Fellowes, Ware; Mayson, Mills, Halliday, Crawford, French.

Referee: Mr. S. F. Rous, Watford.

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THE LEAGUE: DIV. III. (South)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Norwich	29	18	5	6	65	39	42
Rangers	28	17	6	5	53	32	39
Coventry	29	15	7	7	67	37	37
Reading	28	14	6	8	58	34	36
Bristol R.	27	14	8	5	56	35	33
Charlton	27	15	9	3	57	38	33
Exeter	29	14	10	5	55	39	33
LUTON TOWN	29	13	9	7	58	47	33
Swindon	28	12	10	6	40	44	30
Palace	28	10	10	8	45	47	28
Aldershot	28	9	9	10	36	44	28
Orient	29	10	13	6	47	52	26
Northampton	26	9	11	6	49	51	24
Brighton	28	7	11	10	38	43	24
Watford	29	9	15	5	47	50	23
Southend	28	8	13	7	33	48	23
Torquay	28	9	14	5	33	58	23
Gillingham	28	8	13	7	54	67	23
Bournemouth	28	8	15	5	42	64	21
Bristol C.	26	5	11	10	39	55	20
Newport	28	4	12	12	29	48	20
Cardiff	28	7	18	3	40	69	17