

SOUTHEND BEATEN

Luton Take Spoils of a Bright Game

(By "CRUSADER")

LUTON TOWN completed the double when they overcame **SOUTHEND UNITED** at Luton on Saturday, and the score hardly reflected the true measure of their superiority. It was a splendid game from many aspects, and although the town were pressing for nearly three-fourths of the game, the pluck and tenacity of the visitors kept the result in doubt until the last few minutes, and they played as if there was always a chance of snatching a point.

THE only goal of the first half was scored by **HUTCHISON** at close range, after the Southend goal had been under fusillades for minutes at a time. The work of Moore, in the visitors' goal, frequently brought applause from the crowd, and some of his saves were extraordinary. He dived at shots half-a-dozen times and turned them round the post when it seemed impossible to get to the ball.

HE caught or punched away long shots, and at close quarters, although not a giant by any means, he usually managed to position so well that he got the ball. A dozen shots struck defenders, and Rennie was very unfortunate in this respect. It was the very fine display of the Southend custodian that kept the Town's lead down to the minimum before the interval, and he deserved the applause he received as he left the field.

SOUTHEND had one real chance in the first half, and that fell to Barrow. Jones, who was a splendid forager, swung the ball out to him after a thrust on the right, and the left winger was able to race close in to goal; his shot, while having the velocity, was straight at Harford, who parried it with his hands, and although the pace was too much for him to get to it the danger was frustrated by Mackey and Kean, who closed the breach.

AFTER a few spasms in the second half the Town took command of the game, and the Southend goal was constantly in danger. The Town flank halves put up a brilliant game, working well with their wings, and Moore was given the opportunity to add to his laurels. He saved again and again when the crowd were ready to acclaim a goal, and performed acrobatic feats.

RENNIE scored the second goal after great work by Kean and his right wing, for following a pass inside Kean received and tapped the ball to the inside-left, who was better placed, and a fierce drive had Moore well beaten, though the goalkeeper threw himself across goal in a desperate effort to turn the ball round the post.

MOORE continued to monopolise the limelight when the Town attack had brought it towards him, and there seemed little likelihood of a goal at the other end when the game was two-thirds past. Then came a raid by Barrow, and the ball was swung into the middle where there was some close dribbling; **STEVENS** eventually got it, and scored with a low shot that Harford tried hard to push round the post, but the ball was simply deflected on to the woodwork and thence went into the net.

SOUTHEND made a great bid to draw level, but they were repelled, and **RENNIE** again put the gilt on a lot of good work by Kean and Martin, for following a corner the ball came to the inside-left, and he slipped the attentions of Dixon and crashed home a great shot which Moore saw but was helpless to arrest. Martin nearly added another just afterwards, but three against such a fine goalkeeper were sufficient.

MAIN honours for the success went to the Town middlemen, who played great football from start to finish. They had plenty to do at times against a very clever attack, but did it well, and their service to their own forward line was nothing short of brilliant. All three played magnificent football. Behind them the

rearguard did good work, Reece again showing up well, though he might do well to check his exuberance a little.

THE forwards gave a sparkling display of combination, the triangular game on each wing with the flank halves assisting being a delight to witness. The shooting was also very good and brought out the fine qualities of Moore. Bell did not have a good afternoon because he was too well attended by Wilson, but he got through a lot of work. The line deserved more goals on the skilfulness of their attacks.

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

SOUTHEND—Moore; Worthy, Robinson; Dixon, Wilson, Donovan; Mustard, Lane, Stevens, Jones, Barrow.