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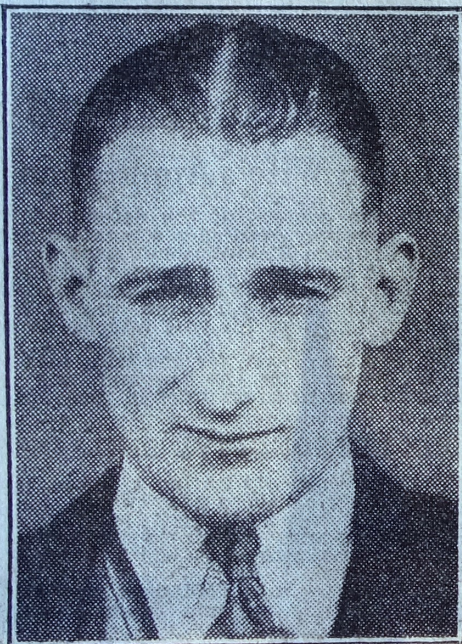
Amateur Scores for Luton at Gillingham

(By "CRUSADER")

LUTON TOWN did extremely well to bring back a point from GILLINGHAM on Saturday. It was a difficult game, with the home team fighting to ensure their safety in the Third Division without re-election, and the Town striving to maintain their fine record in away games, and a gusty wind that played pranks with the intentions of the players, and the referee doing his duty so efficiently that the whistle was seldom out of action for many minutes.

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THERE were only two goals, both scored in the first half. The Town got theirs after Gillingham had done the more pressing without being very dangerous, but the Town went close twice before KITCHEN opened the score with a ground shot well placed away from the goalkeeper, following good play by Tait and Bell. Kitchen had done a few clever things up to then, and his colleagues were pleased when he succeeded.



H. KITCHEN

GILLINGHAM made strenuous efforts, and shot hard and often, but Harford and his backs were usually competent to deal with all that came. However, Mills managed to rob Fraser and sent forward, and NICOL just got the better of Reece in a tussle close in, and put in a hard low shot that Harford partly stopped, but could not prevent passing over the line. In a way it was a rather lucky goal, but the home side were playing hard, and deserved some reward.

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IN the second half there was little to enthuse about, and play was almost monotonous, for the defences held the attacks firmly, and such work as fell to the goalkeepers was not of a particularly difficult nature until late in the game. Then both goals nearly fell in quick succession. Harford made one fine save at full length, and at the other end Hutchison shot wide after Anderson had beaten the defence but centred just too hard for Tait, who was in a scoring position.

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THE Town showed the more skill, but Gillingham's robust and rushing tactics had the visiting defence fully extended, and all played well. Mackey and Reece protected Harford very well, and the halves, although troubled by the manner in which the ground and the wind prevented much scientific distribution, worked very hard, and the combination of the Town halves and backs was always the better.

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KITCHEN made a very satisfactory debut, although he needs to add a little speed. His footwork and headwork were very good at times, and his passes were along the ground. Hutchison was the best of the attack, however, and played a fine game. The others worked hard, but there were fewer shooting opportunities than are usually made.

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GILLINGHAM were strong in defence, kicking powerfully and tackling resolutely. Forbes, the former Luton player, now a full-back, was quite good, but Mills, who was with Luton last season, faded away after a good start, and could make little of Fraser and Reece.

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GILLINGHAM: Holland; Forbes, Lester; Robinson, Barrie, Kidd; Mills, Scott, Nicol, Raleigh, Liddle.

LUTON: Harford; Mackey, Reece; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Tait, H. Kitchen, Bell, Hutchison, Anderson.

Referee: Mr. G. H. Allen, London.