

SPUR OF A "GRIEVANCE"

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HOW LUTON SAVED THE MATCH

Southend 3 Luton 3

Determination, bred by a sense of injustice (real or imaginary), enabled Luton to take a point from Southend in a rather remarkable game at the Stadium.

Three goals in arrears five minutes after the interval, and their skipper, Mackey, sent off the field—that was Luton's position. Their recovery under these adverse conditions was the tit-bit of the match, it was just splendid.

Southend were two goals up at half-time—Stevens had scored them, one from a penalty after McGinnigle had handled—and then two minutes after the interval McGinnigle again handled. It transpired that, apart from the sending off of Mackey, nothing could have happened better for Luton. When they were again penalised the Luton players crowded round the referee and protested. So insistent was Mackey that his name was taken. Still he persisted against the ruling and the referee gave him marching orders.

Stevens converted that much-disputed penalty and the ten Luton players hitched up their muddled pants. In 15 minutes they scored twice through Bell and Ball. Crompton added a third. It was their grievance that spurred them on, and but for the fine defensive work of Wilson, Morfitt and Robinson they might easily have bagged both points.

Southend: Moore; Smith, Robinson; Carr, Wilson (J), Morfitt; Barrow, Cheesmur, Stevens, Deacon, Oswald.

Luton: Coen; Smith, Mackey; Brown, McGinnigle, Payne; Crompton, Bell, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.