

LUTON WIN AGAIN

Exeter Beaten By Four Goals

(By "CRUSADER")

ALTHOUGH Exeter City were well beaten at the end of a hard game at Luton, they put up an opposition that was worthy of the best the Town could provide. Indeed, on the whole, the Town were fortunate to have such a considerable margin to their credit, for there were times when the visitors went very close to making their mark on the Luton score sheet, and more than once they were unlucky.

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NEVERTHELESS, the Town, all things considered, gave a very fine performance, and succeeded more thoroughly than have many of the opponents of the Devon side. They were more dangerous in attack, and that advantage solved other problems. Undoubtedly, Fraser was very much missed from the home side in every way.

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ALTHOUGH the Town opened out the game in good style, the City were soon doing the same, and their wingers gave the Town defenders some trouble in the early stages. It was touch and go at either end, though the Town had the better chances in the first few minutes. However, play had been in progress only five minutes when Bell was badly tripped in the penalty area, and BALL scored from the penalty spot, though Chesters nearly saved with a brilliant attempt.



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THE City played pluckily and well fore and aft, and had the forwards been capable of turning to account some of their midfield work they would have had no more than their deserts, but though they tested Coen now and then, there were not many shots with powder enough behind them to give him real trouble. On the other hand, the Town forwards were equally dangerous, and were usually better positioned at close quarters, and the City defenders had warm times.

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CHESTERS made quite a lot of really good saves, and hard shots by all the inside forwards were blocked. The second goal came in a rather unusual fashion. There had been considerable pressure by the City, when Smith, the Town left-back, dribbled up the field, and then lifted the ball right into the goalmouth for STEPHENSON to capture it and score easily.

BOTH goals had escapes before the interval whistle, and Coen made a splendid recovery after a somewhat faulty save, and prevented Poulter getting the ball almost under the bar. The Town crossed over with two goals advantage.

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CHESTERS saved three or four times very soon after the resumption, and for a time the visitors were hard pressed. They came again, the right wing especially giving trouble, and Coen was applauded for skilful work, while McGinnigle put in hard defensive work. Poulter was a very live unit in the City attack, and Wrightson did many clever things.

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THE Town renewed the attack again, and after scoring their third goal had the better of play to the end. The point came almost unexpectedly, following a delightful move by Brown. The visitors temporarily checked the advance, but Crompton took possession and sent the ball into the middle for BALL to slip through and beat Chesters with a shot which passed just inside the upright, well out of the reach of the goalkeeper.

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THE City goal underwent numerous escapes after this, and Chesters and his helpmates did much splendid work. Now and then the visitors troubled Coen, but not to the extent the City goalkeeper suffered, and eventually the Town scored again. Stephenson beat the defence with a strong run, and then centred right across goal; Crompton headed the ball back for BALL to head into the net.

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THERE were more exciting episodes round the City goal, and one or two at the Luton end, for the City kept pegging away wholeheartedly, but there was no further score.

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THE Town rearguard was generally sound, and McGinnigle played one of his best games as pivot, while Brown was in brilliant form. Thayne, as deputy for Fraser, had a bad match, for nothing seemed to come right for him, and he was out of position very often. All the forwards did good work individually and collectively, and they were the strongest part of the team.

LUTON TOWN 4
Ball (3), Stephenson

EXETER CITY 0

LUTON.—Coen; Smith, Mackey; Brown, McGinnigle Thayne; Crompton, Bell, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

EXETER.—Chesters; Smith, Miller; Risdon, Webb, Angus; Scott (J.), Wrightson, Poulter, Tierney, Hurst.

Referee: Mr. F. J. Lowe, Bristol.