

READING'S REMARKABLE SUCCESS

Luton Lose After Two Goals Lead

(By CRUSADER)

READING gained a remarkable success at LUTON after appearing to be well beaten, and the crowd of nearly twelve thousand was intensely disappointed. The visitors, a big, strong side, adopted first-time passing methods in the early stages, but showed good ball control, individually, too, and the Town defence was severely tested.

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AS the home forwards began to find their stride, the more pressure was soon at the other end, and Wildman and his backs were constantly engaged. They defended well, and Hayhurst was noticeable with splendid headwork. At the other end, Kingham was often applauded for fine tackling and clean kicking, and Tait was a very troublesome customer against his old colleagues.

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AS the game progressed, the Town had much more of the play, but they did not finish well, and although Wildman was lucky to see his goal escape several times, goals should have been scored. An appeal for a penalty kick was made by each side, by the visitors when Mackey brought down Tait, and by Luton when Hayhurst grassed Roberts, but the referee allowed the appeals to pass unheeded.

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IT was nearing half-time before the first goal was scored, and it was a rather lucky point. After a good bout of passing, the ball was sent over to the left, and STEPHENSON rushed right in and shot very hard; Hayhurst swooped at the ball with his head, but could not get it properly, and it flashed into the net right away from Wildman, who had no chance. The interval came with the Town just about deserving their lead on the run of the play.

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SMASHING attacks were made by Luton after the restart, and the Reading defence was sorely tried, but stood firm, though conceding corners, for several minutes.



Crompton parried with his fists, and the danger was frustrated.

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FOR some time the Town had the upper hand, and Martin, Roberts and Ball all went close with good shots, while the visitors were kept well away from Coen. Following a mass attack, however, the visitors reduced the lead. Tait received from the left, and although balked of his shot, gave BARLEY a pass which enabled the latter to shoot past Coen.

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THE Town forwards made another fine movement, but were beaten off, and Reading got away on the right. Liddle dribbled through, and then turned the ball inside for TAIT to nip in and score a neat equaliser. Barley had his ankle hurt and had to be carried from the field, but this loss did not perturb Reading, who defended strongly.

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LIDDLE, who had been a trying proposition for Mackey, then made a great solo effort from just inside the home half. He took the ball past four men, and eventually had only Coen to beat, and he deceived

the latter completely with a tricky shot to the goalkeeper's left. Though Luton tried desperately to recover, they were well held by the Reading defenders, and eventually LIDDLE repeated his feat and won the match decisively.

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FOR the home side, Coen was blameless, and Kingham played a magnificent game at right back. Mackey was off colour, and could not hold Liddle. Colquhoun played clever football in attack, and Hayne and Smith did well up to a point, but appeared almost demoralised after Reading had equalised, although Smith made Herculean efforts. Ball led his line well, but the wing did not respond so well as usual, and Martin and Crompton were the best attackers.

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FOR Reading, Wildman kept goal safely, and his backs were strong and assertive, but the best defender was Hayhurst, who got through a tremendous amount of work. Forward, Tait did well, but Liddle and McGough were the cleverest players in the line.

READING 4
(Barley, Tait, Liddle 2)

LUTON TOWN 2
(Stephenson, Crompton)

LUTON TOWN. — Coen; Kingham, Mackey; Colquhoun, Thayne, Smith, Crompton, Martin, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

READING — Wildman; Boyle, Robson; Johnson, Hayhurst, Wright; Liddle, McGough, Tait, Barley, Chandler.

Referee.—Mr. T. Smith, Atherstone.