

BIG SHOCK FOR LUTON TEAM

READING BREAK WINNING SEQUENCE

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Luton Town 2 Reading 4

After a sequence of nine games without defeat Luton Town were shocked in front of their own supporters by Reading.

There was no fluke about the success of the visitors. Stephenson had given Luton the only goal before the change of ends as the result of a hard drive which turned into goal off Hayhurst's head. Crompton headed a splendid second, and the home team appeared to be in clover, for they were doing the more attacking, and then Reading lost Barley with an ankle injury.

Liddle, who had been a great trial to Mackey all through, was mainly responsible for the ultimate result. Keeping the ball under control beautifully, he raced past four defenders, tricking them in turn, before he flicked the ball right away from Coen. Luton made strenuous efforts, and the Reading goal underwent hot pressure until Liddle capped a great afternoon by a goal similar in all respects to his first.

Luton's defence had not been so puerile this year. Coen was helpless against the scoring shots, and Kingham put up a magnificent show. But Mackey and the middle men were neither fast enough nor shrewd enough to hold the opposition.

Wildman made good saves, and his backs and halves fought resolutely throughout, especially Hayhurst, who was a tower of strength.

Luton: Coen; Kingham, Mackey; Colquhoun, Thayne, Smith; Crompton, Martin, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

Reading: Wildman; Boyle, Robson; Wright, Hayhurst, Johnson; Liddle, McGough, Tait, Barley, Chandler.