

NEWPORT HUMBLLED

SUPERIOR LUTON TACTICS

Newport County .. 1 Luton Town 4

Newport's defence was no match for the wide, skilfully-placed passing of Luton's forwards on a wet, heavy ground. The Welsh side were outgeneralled by Luton's long-range style.

Kingham and Reece, the Luton backs, played a grand game against the quick, clever Newport inside-forwards, but the home backs, Robinson and Russell, were outwitted by Luton's wing to wing tactics.

Thayne, Luton's centre-half, was just the man for the day. He found his wings with well-judged long passes, so that the Newport defenders seldom were in position to meet a resourceful attack.

Newport played well only in patches and there was far too much elaboration in the goalmouth. Their half-backs did not link with the attack with half the skill shown by Colquhoun, Thayne and Smith.

Haycox was Newport's best man. He scored twice and at other times was hand-capped by the close passing of his colleagues.

Martin scored twice for Luton and Stephenson and Ball got the other goals.

Newport: Emery; Robinson, Russell; Whitehouse, Davies, Burgess; Reynolds, White, Haycox, A. Clarke, Thomas.

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