

BOMBARDMENT OF BOSCOMBE

FURTHER disappointment was experienced on Monday night when BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE came to LUTON for the return game. At Boscombe the Town had the better of a game they lost by the odd goal of three, but, on Monday night, it was remarkable how they failed to win.

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There was no legitimate goal, according to the referee, but, on the run of play, the Luton team should have made some-



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thing like double figures. From the outset they were the better side, and it was amazing how they assailed the visitors' goal so persistently without being able to break through.

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Changes had been made again, and from the outset these seemed beneficial, especially in defence. Apart from infrequent raids, the visitors' forwards were not often in action, though when they did get going they gave trouble, especially Riley and Chalmers. In one brief period Coen had to save twice in quick succession, but only one shot during the match gave him any real trouble.

Luton pressed hotly, both wings working hard, and they swept down on the visitors' goal again and again, and swarmed round Mellors, but not one of them could get in a likely shot. The ball was kept much too close, and when there was a drive at goal, the aim was poor.

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As the interval approached the Town played harder than ever, and at last it seemed that their efforts were rewarded. Beresford, who had played tremendously hard, and had previously been foiled three times in quick succession when right in goal, turned to good account a pass from Crook, and put the ball into the net. After some hesitation the referee decided that Beresford was offside, although one of the visitors stood under the bar with Mellors when the pass from Crook was made.

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The second half was even more extraordinary than the first. There was an almost unceasing assault on the Boscombe goal, and the forwards tried again and again to rush the stalwart defenders, but all to no purpose.

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Mellors got in the way of shots two or three times, and King and Bellis each kicked away from under the bar when their colleague was beaten. Corners were forced by the sequence, and generally Stephenson placed his kicks well, but Crook was not so good in this matter. The Town halves did not help the forwards a great deal, but the inside forwards were doing a lot of "fetching and carrying," and it was mainly their strenuous efforts that determined the run of the play.

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The barrage of the Boscombe goal continued, with only very brief rests, right to the final whistle, and the visitors were very fortunate indeed to escape with a point.

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LUTON TOWN 0

BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE 0

* LUTON.—Coen; Kingham, Smith; Payne, Nelson, Kidd; Crook, Beresford, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

BOSCOMBE. — Mellors; King, Bellis; Smith (W.), Pincott, Moralee; Barrow, Smith (J.), Riley, Chalmers, Parris.

Referee.—F. J. Lowe, Bristol.