

TWO MORE POINTS

LUTON'S SECOND SUCCESS AWAY

(By Crusader)

LUTON TOWN won their third consecutive game when they visited **EXETER CITY**, and they won on sheer merit. Their football was always better than that of the home team, who nevertheless fought tremendously hard for the full ninety minutes, and never gave up trying. Indeed, the City are a better side than their position in the League indicates, but there was a lack of unity in their methods.

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ON A TREACHEROUS GROUND the ball was apt to play tricks, but the game was cleanly fought, and well controlled. The Town showed up well in the opening stages, the halves feeding the forwards to good purpose, and the passing evoked much praise, and endangered the City goal again and again. Crompton was particularly prominent in these assaults, and it was following one of his centres that **BALL** opened the score. Crompton dropped the ball well into the goal area, and Chesters managed to fist away, but Ball met the ball first time, and the custodian had no chance.

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THE CITY RAIDED many times, but in their efforts there was not the constructive play that was shown by the Town, and nearly all the work for the Town defenders arose from the big kicking of the home backs, and the speedy running of the City forwards. The determination was there, and compelled the Town defenders to be constantly on the alert and Mackey, Smith and Nelson all did good work in repelling, while Coen made good saves, twice diving to turn aside centres when opponents were close in.

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THE TOWN FORWARDS gave Chesters a lot more work, and the home goal-keeper saved splendidly again and again, though he was lucky to see the ball creep past the upright once when Ball had beaten him, and on another occasion, the Town centre-forward headed through a centre from Crompton, but the linesman gave him offside. Just before the interval, there were hot attacks on the City goal, but Chesters could not be beaten, though he was lucky to grab the ball once when Roberts shot in from Stephenson's pass.

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PLAY was fairly even after the restart, with the Town slightly on top. Chesters was called upon several times, and once saved superbly from a centre by Crompton. The City equalised in unexpected fashion, for, after their goal had been furiously assailed and escaped there was a relief kick which Ebdon took in mid-field. Mackey raced over and stopped him cleverly, but both came down, and the ball rolled away from them; Coen came out of goal, but **EBDON** rose and kicked the ball, and it passed over Coen's head, struck the bar and fell into the net.

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MANY TIMES after this the City stove hard to get the lead, and were held in check only by good positioning and quick tackling by the Town defenders. The Town forwards were much the more effective in



W. CROMPTON

their work, and they took the lead with a very fine goal. Stephenson centred right into the goalmouth after a lot of skilful manoeuvring, and **CROMPTON** dashed among the defenders, and shot past Chesters.

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THERE WAS only one serious challenge for the Town after this, and an appeal for a penalty kick against Smith was negatived. He breasted the ball as Hoyle shot, and it went just round the post. On the other hand, Ball had three good shots well saved by Chesters, and all the other Town forwards went very close after neat combination.

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SOUND IN DEFENCE and clever in attack, the Town merited their victory. Coen was at his best, though he did not have a great deal to do. Three saves, however, were particularly good because of the anticipation of the custodian. Mackey and Smith were a stout pair of backs, with Nelson a strong policeman of the City centre-forward, while Finlayson and Fellowes played finely at half.

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THE FORWARDS were better together than in any previous game, all playing well. The combination at times was almost dazzling, and the control very good; had the shooting been equal, they would have won, by a good margin.

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LUTON TOWN	2
(Ball, Crompton)	
EXETER CITY	1
(Ebdon)	

EXETER. — Chesters; Gray, Lowton; Clarke, Robinson, Angus; Hurst, Scott (T.), R. Ebdon, McLean, V. Hoyle.

LUTON.—Coen; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Crompton, Martin, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

Referee.—C. E. Lines, Birmingham.