

GREAT GAME AT WEST HAM

Magnificent Struggle Ends With Honours Even

LUTON TOWN'S ill luck in the F.A. Cup did not daunt them for the struggle with WEST HAM UNITED at Upton Park, and, after a magnificent game, clean and wholesome, in which the football was of a very high standard on a very soft ground, they were able to force a replay.

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SINCE the greater interest centred in the second meeting yesterday, in which Luton won handsomely, and on their merits, it is not necessary to enter into extensive details of the first meeting.

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THE "HAMMERS" match attracted 41,200 spectators, and the receipts totalled £3,002. Between three and four thousand spectators went by the several excursion trains from Luton L.M.S. and there must have been nearly as many went by ordinary train and by road.

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THEY had no cause to regret the journey. Although the "Hammers" had the better of the early exchanges, and troubled the Luton defence a lot before they scored after nine minutes through MANGNALL, the Town players found their stride afterwards, and, before the interval, were well on top.

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THE EQUALISING GOAL was scored by BALL following many hot attacks, the centre-forward heading through after a similar effort by Stephenson had been tipped out by Conway. Luton came very near taking the lead several times before the change of ends. Conway saving well, and many shots going close.

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SECOND HALF play was very even, the "Hammers" having the better of it for a while, and Luton responding as gallantly. Both goalkeepers were often tested, and made great saves. Luton took the lead when ROBERTS smashed in an unstoppable shot after a splendid run with Fellowes and Stephenson twenty minutes after the restart.

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MORE THRILLING than ever the game became after this, and each goal had narrow escapes, and several chances were missed at each end. The "Hammers" pressed hard towards the end, and, with nine minutes to go, a clever bit of work by the inside forwards enabled RUFFELL, who was unmarked, to equalise.

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LUTON'S defence held out strongly under further pressure, and there were two or three narrow shaves for the West Ham goal, but the end came with the scores level—a fair result on the run of the play. The teams were exactly as took part in the replay yesterday.