

# Luton's Lesson for West Ham

## They Cannot Relax With Safety

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(Attendance 42,000)

HAVING had their lesson in the narrowest of escapes from defeat, I shall not be surprised if West Ham, profiting by experience, win Wednesday's replay with Luton.

They must have learnt that, against a ninety-minutes team of bonny Cup fighters, they cannot indulge in their periodical patches of indifferent, almost lethargic, play.

For a quarter of an hour West Ham showed complete mastery, but instead of keeping up the pressure when they gained their goal lead, they lost snap and allowed Luton to take control. Luton secured a lead and held on to it so grimly that with seven minutes to go West Ham looked like losing.

Luton were grand tacticians. They early discovered a weak spot in the home defence and hammered away at it, while Fellowes and Mackey, working to an obvious plan, policed the West Ham wing men so finely as to reduce their effectiveness by 50 per cent. Nelson, tall and commanding, almost completely subjugated Mangnall.

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Chalkley had a poor match, miskicking and mistiming his tackles, and Luton kept play largely on their left wing, where Stephenson and Roberts formed the best pair of the game.

It is because I do not think Chalkley can play so poorly again that I believe Luton will find their task harder in the replay.

Luton's defence, except for fine work by Walker, was the better. Barrett played soundly, yet Ball eluded him frequently by nippiness and quickness of footwork.

Marshall was the star of the home line and his neat forward passes to Mangnall gave Luton their greatest worry, but both he and Goulden shot weakly and each missed chances of winning the match.

In football skill West Ham were superior, but they did not tackle as quickly or as keenly as Luton, while their long-range passing was not so good.

Mangnall got the first goal to reward a fine move in which all five forwards joined. Ball equalised when Crompton dropped a corner kick at his foot. Stephenson and Roberts combined to race the ball past Chalkley for Luton's second, scored by Roberts. Ruffell finally equalised after close play near the Luton goal, Mangnall and Marshall in turn using back-heel kicks to get the ball out to him as he raced in.

West Ham.—Conway; Chalkley, Walker; Fenton, Barrett, Cockroft; Simpson, Marshall, Mangnall, Goulden, Ruffell.

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