

Payne Gets Two Goals

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But Luton Not At Their Best

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(Attendance 9,000)

TEN-GOALS-PAYNE deceived the Newport crowd just when they had made up their minds that he was a harmless sort of centre forward.

His two opportunistic goals in the second half won the game for Luton just when their hopes of winning seemed to be fast disappearing.

Up to that time, a quarter of an hour after the interval, Newport had at least held their own.

Payne's first goal improved Luton and they proceeded to play their best football of the match, only to find that Newport's defence had also improved. They could not find a way to beat it until seven minutes from the finish, when Payne again beat Briggs.

This time he chased after a ball sent up by the right half. Two opponents did the same, and the Newport goalkeeper decided that he ought to go out to get the ball. Payne charged one of the opponents into the goalkeeper and the ball rolled on for Payne to kick into an empty goal.

Luton will have to improve to beat Coventry for the championship. The attack disappointed. In the first half the inside forwards were crowding; afterwards they were too far apart. They needed somebody to hold the line together. Stephenson, their raider-in-chief, was erratic.

Nelson and the wing half-backs formed the backbone of the side, and the same applies to Newport's middle line, in which Burgess played splendid football. Derrick and Thomas, on the wings, troubled Luton's defence most. Three of Derrick's corner kicks were cleverly cleared by Dolman.

Newport County.—Briggs; Jones (T.); Kelso; Burgess, Oraven, Jenkins; Derrick, Parle, Smith, Clarke, Thomas.

Luton Town.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Godfrey; Beresford, Martin, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.