

MONDAY. AT WALSALL

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WALSALL.—Leckie; Jones, Wiles; Richmond, Morgan, Bradford; Woolhouse, Landells, Evans, Harwood, Bulger.	
LUTON TOWN.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Martin, Mills, Roberts, Stephenson.	
Referee.—G. Dutton, Warwick.	

LUTON TOWN began their away programme with a match at WALSALL, and it was thought by most supporters that, if they returned with a point, they would have fared excellently. However, they exceeded these expectations, and brought home two points which will be of almost inestimable value when the final reckoning comes.

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ALWAYS A HARD TEAM to beat on their own peculiar ground, this Walsall eleven proved no exception to the rule, and they fought desperately to win the points. It was a battle in which defences prevailed throughout, and neither forward line looked capable of scoring a lot of goals. Luton were better as a team, and they were easily superior as far as science was concerned. The home side relied on speed and weight as methods of making ground, but they found it an almost impossible task to pass Nelson and his colleagues.

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NELSON was quite the best of the 22 players, and he did two men's work. He was never flustered, no matter how hot the attack, and, when he went into a tackle, he invariably came out with the ball. He used it well, too, and Evans, the home leader, had a very thin time. Nelson's counterpart in the home team, Morgan, was also a bright star, and he held Mills very effectively.

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FOUR CHANGES were made in the team which beat Southend, and there was a decided improvement, especially in the half-back line. Here Finlayson showed his best form, and was always in the thick of it, and Fellowes restored to the other wing, also had a very good match. The halves never lost their grip on the game, and they were ably backed up by Mackey and Smith, two grand backs.

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THE FORWARDS have not yet found their form, but they were better than the home quintet as far as skill and science went. However, their finishing left much to be desired, and the marksmanship generally was poor. Martin, in his first match of the season, was impressive in the first half, and he beat men with consummate ease, and drew the defence time after time. However, his inclination to take the ball a little too far spoilt some of his work, but he was the schemer of the line. He played hard all through but tired in the second half.

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THE FORWARDS as a whole lacked weight, and they were frequently bundled off the ball by a defence which wasted no time in tackling, and used the weight with which they were liberally provided. Hodge and Stephenson both made clever runs, but were somewhat cramped by the smallness of the ground. Roberts tried hard enough, but could rarely get going, and most of his work petered out into nothing.

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THE ONLY GOAL of the match came 14 minutes from the end, when STEPHENSON secured a pass from Finlayson following a corner by Hodge, and beat Leckie with a cross-shot. Direct shots at goal were very few, but Dolman made the save of the match shortly after the goal was scored when he deflected a great drive from Bulger for a corner. The nearest attempt to scoring in the first half was made by Hodge, who hit the post.