

Luton Crashed Badly Against The 'Cobblers'

Northampton Tn. 3 Luton Town1

NORTHAMPTON must be the despair of the football speculators.

They had not won a game for several weeks when they took the field against Luton, the section leaders, and their chances looked very slender.

But to the delight of the greatest football crowd Northampton has seen for some years (the official figures were 18,880), they outplayed Luton with superior stamina.

Up to the interval there was little in it, and no goals had been scored when the teams changed over. Afterwards, Northampton steadily forged ahead. Their first goal, scored by Rawlings, was a "picture" in which Riches and Tolland shared honours with the scorer.

When Luton got level through their crack sharpshooter **Payne**, it looked as though the "Cobblers" would have to forgo their reward for their fine work but they rallied in great style. **Rawlings** got the second goal, and near the end **Lyman** added the third.

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When in the first half Northampton had the wind behind them and no goals accrued, the Luton contingent had good reason for being satisfied with the position. It must have been a shock to the visiting supporters when steadily but surely Northampton, having beaten off some preliminary attacks by Luton, took the game in hand, and, completely outstaying their opponents, finished as definite masters of the situation.

Not for many a day has a Northampton team shown greater ability. The side was well balanced, the defence made scarcely a mistake, and the attack was wholehearted and cleverly constructive, the wing halves lending fine support to the men in front.

Luton, on the other hand, were a little uneven. Their experiment in bringing young **Stevens** in at outside-left was not a success. He did a few good things, but seemed nonplussed after failure to accept an opportunity early in the second half.

Thayne generally had **Ball** well covered, while **Payne** was also in the main kept in subjection. It was 10 minutes after the interval that **Rawlings** opened the scoring from a brilliant movement in which **Riches** and **Tolland** also had a share.

Payne equalised a quarter of an hour later, but almost before the game was going again, **Rawlings**, repeating his earlier movement of cutting diagonally to the goalmouth, restored Northampton's lead. It was after several great saves by **Coen** that **Lyman** cut in from the other flank to complete the scoring.

It was a game of speed and thrills, in which Northampton cleverly worked for the final efforts and succeeded.