

LUTON TOWN LOSE AT HOME

Notts County's Success in Southern Section Cup

LUTON TOWN were trounced on their own ground yesterday afternoon by NOTTS COUNTY, and it has to be confessed that they never looked like holding their guests' cave for a period before half-time. They lost because they had not the courage and the determination of the County and once they had been compelled to play second fiddle in that respect it was only a matter of time before the County showed them that they could prevail in the finer arts of the game.

MARDON SCORES

The County began in resolute fashion, and by comparison the Town were tame and almost listless. The first goal came from MARDON, who seized on a ball after Coen had managed to repel a hard drive from Fallon, and the ball was in the net in a twinkling. Stevens headed a lovely goal but was given offside—a rather queer decision it seemed to me, for the ball seemed to pass one of the backs in its flight for goal.

Then came another goal for the County. Coen, running out to kick away, completely missed his kick, and although he tried to prevent MARDON getting to the ball, and certainly fouled him, the centre-forward managed to get it and score.

FINLAYSON HURT

Finlayson had his teeth loosened and one kicked out by a high kick of Fallon, and while he was away the Town attacked again, and from good play by Ball, Beresford and Stevens a chance was given to HODGE, who crashed home a great shot. The Town now played better and had the County defence guessing, and BERESFORD dribbled into position and then let fly another grand shot which had Blyth beaten all the way.

At half-time the score stood two goals each.

COUNTY ON TOP

In the second half the Town began fairly well and pressed for a little while, but they got in few shots, and when the County assumed the aggressive there was always more danger in their finishing. After Chalmers had hit the post there was another rush and Nelson measured his length in the mud; MARDON promptly went through and shot past Coen.

The County improved as the weather grew worse, and although the Town made one or two raids, and Stevens just failed to head an equaliser from Hodge's centre. Stevens had to retire with a knee injury, and the County then went further ahead, FERGUSON shooting a good goal. They often tested Coen, and only by the hard play of Booton and Nelson were they prevented from increasing their lead.

PLAYERS

Coen was to blame for one goal, and did not have too good a day. Booton played splendidly all through, but Kingham found the opposition rather too hot at times. Nelson had as much as he wanted in young Mardon, but Finlayson and Fellowes both played well. Hodge shone at times, but Rich did not do so well at inside-right and Beresford was the best of the line.

The County side will be a very difficult lot to beat on this form. They showed good understanding and any amount of determination, and were full value for their victory.

There were 1,500 spectators.

NOTTS COUNTY 4, LUTON TOWN 2.

LUTON: Coen; Booton, Kingham; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Rich, Ball, Beresford, Stevens.

NOTTS COUNTY: Blyth; Mills, Feebury; Corkhill, Moulson, Vasey; Rickards, Chalmers, Mardon, Ferguson, Fallon.

Referee: G. C. Denton, Northampton.