

LUTON IN TWO MINDS

County Attack Had Pace And Punch

HUGH GALLACHER WAS WILY

Notts County 2, Luton 1.

NOTTS COUNTY and Luton both revealed promotion form in a stirring game at Meadow-lane, which the County deservedly won, their snap in attack being the main factor in their success.

The Luton forward line never worked as smoothly against the strong tackling of Mills and Feebury, and there was a remarkable re-shuffle after the interval.

Dawes went into the centre, Payne inside right, and Roberts inside left, and both wingers changed places, but the changes were not entirely successful.

County combined extremely well. Gallacher's return to the leadership obviously inspiring his colleagues.

The Luton goal bore a charmed life for forty minutes, when Chalmers, accepting a perfect cross pass from Mardon, beat Dolman with a hard low shot from fourteen yards.

Seven minutes after the resumption County went further ahead when Mardon snapped up a pass from Gallacher and slipped a simple-looking shot past Dolman as the Luton 'keeper advanced from goal.

Dawes and Payne frequently took part in clever passing movements, but invariably found McLenahan. County's new centre half from Manchester United, very stubborn. Almost in the last minute a clever movement brought Luton a goal.

Hodge broke through on the right and transferred the ball to Dawes, who in turn crossed to Rich and the right winger left Blyth helpless with a first-time effort.

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Referee: W. E. Ross-Gower (London).

NOTTS BIDDING FOR PROMOTION

DOLMAN SAVES LUTON FROM WORSE FATE

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Notts County are making a bold bid for a return to the Second Division and their victory over Luton yesterday was well deserved, only Dolman, who made a number of remarkable saves, preventing the score from reaching greater proportions.

After ten minutes' play Gallacher changed places with Mardon and, from that point, the home attack functioned much better, Mardon bustling the Luton full-backs and Gallacher scheming cleverly for openings. Payne required a lot of watching, but Notts's latest recruit, McLenahan, stuck to him well and prevented any real danger.

Chalmers's goal after 38 minutes, from a centre by Rickards, followed a bad miss by Mardon and a brilliant attempt by Fallon. Blyth brought off two smart saves from Payne and Roberts, and then Gallacher created a splendid opening for Mardon, who, despite a challenge by Nelson, shot past Dolman after 55 minutes.

Play was difficult to follow in the fading light, but Luton pegged away and were rewarded two minutes from the end, when Hodge scored from a centre by Rich.

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LUTON'S BACKS WORN DOWN BY NOTTS

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LUTON failed to match Notts County in the matter of opportunism at Meadow-lane, the forwards missing at least three splendid scoring chances in the first half of a hard-fought game.

County were not above reproach in this respect, for neither Chalmers nor Mardon were awake to all the chances provided by the subtle Gallacher. But they both made amends—Chalmers by a brilliant goal before the interval, and Mardon by rushing the ball into the net from the Notts centre-forward's perfectly judged pass.

The Luton backs, Hubbard and Smith—who was introduced instead of Mackey—utterly failed in the second half to hold the enterprising County line, and but for Dolman's grand display in goal the visitors would have been farther behind.

Mills, Feebury and McLenahan constituted a formidable defence, against which the Dawes-Payne thrust proved unavailing, and it was the Luton right-winger, Roberts and Rich, which gave Blyth, in the Notts goal, the most trouble. Rich defeating him in the last minute with a simple header to reduce the County's lead.

Luton lost because their defence became shaky under continuous pressure and their halves did not compare with the County trio. Corkhill and McLenahan spoiling many promising movements by masterly anticipation.

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