

# Luton's Fine Revival After Bad Luck

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Luton Town 3, Blackpool 3

A grand game this, with Luton handicapped by the intermittent absence and permanent uselessness of Hancock—injured in the first few minutes—staging a revival which would have astonished a first-aid expert.

Apart from Hancock Luton had the worst of luck. Nelson is usually a model of what a centre half should be, but the harder he tried the worse things went for him, and it was largely owing to his blunder that Blackpool scored their second goal.

Payne, too, although he scored twice, was not at his best following a heavy bump early in the game. The heroes were Stephenson, on the left wing, and right back Mackey.

Blackpool did not get going for the first quarter of an hour, but when they did they made as many holes in Luton's defence as an

all-day hiker would in a pair of silk socks, and it was no surprise when Finan scored on the rebound after Dolmon had saved from Watmough.

Five minutes later Payne, following a free-kick, equalised, but before the interval Blackpool went ahead again, Nelson very nearly putting through his own goal, and Middleton sending himself and the ball hurtling into the net.

When Watmough cut in from the wing to give the northerners a 3—1 lead it looked as though form was to be justified, but Luton, with ten men, refused to give in.

First Payne got another from a pass by Martin, who had been unmarked. Then Stephenson, who recalled his namesake's "Rocket" on the wing, sliced the ball in following a rebound from a lusty shot by Martin.