

CHANCES MISSED

LUTON JUST AVOID DEFEAT AT HOME

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN nearly sustained defeat in their home game with **EXETER CITY**, for it was not until the closing stages that they drew level after allowing the visitors to take the lead. Luton opened strongly, and the City defence had a hard time, Chesters saving well, and the goal was only just missed by half a dozen shots.

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STEPHENSON scored a fine goal after eight minutes from a pass by Payne when they had changed places during an attack, and, in the subsequent play, the Town forwards missed many good openings, Payne especially being at fault when he had open goals. Chesters continued to make magnificent saves, and, although fortunate, the City defenders were so plucky that they often won applause.

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DANGEROUS RAIDS were made by the City centre-forward and the wingers, and Dolman was tested frequently as the game wore on. Once he managed to get in the way of a shot from Williams when a goal seemed certain, and the visiting forwards were guilty of rashness in other assaults. On the whole, however, the Town were easily the better side in the first half, and were value for a better lead than a goal when they crossed over.

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NOT SO in the second half. After a quick start had been repelled by the City defence, the Town gradually deteriorated, and their work was casual and lacking in combination. The visitors were still dangerous raiders, and the Town defenders began to lag, so that more chances fell to the City. Owen made a glaring miss on one occasion, and both Williams and Smith shot wildly.

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WILLIAMS, however, scored the equalising goal when he met a centre from the right, and sent the ball against the bar; as it fell he pounced on it and netted before Dolman was aware of his presence. More Town attacks were beaten off, and the visitors began to get the upper hand, their halves and forwards being very much quicker on the ball.

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SMITH, who was very speedy, raced through and centred for **OWEN** to beat Dolman at the second attempt. It needed this goal to bring the Town attack to life again, and they hammered away hard, but Chesters and his backs continued to play as strong and cool as ever in defence. Roberts did the work that enabled **PAYNE** to crash home the equalising goal seven minutes from the end.

BOTH TEAMS had chances in the last few minutes, and Stephenson came very near scoring twice, but the end came without further score.

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DOLMAN AND MACKEY were the best of the home defenders, although Smith did well apart from his tendency to neglect the winger. The halves were moderate, and, of the forwards, the left-wing pair took the honours.

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EXETER owed most to their fine defence, in which Brown and Bamsey were excelled only by Chesters. In the forward line, Williams and his wingers were dangerous at all times.

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LUTON TOWN 2
Stephenson, Payne

EXETER CITY 2
Williams, Owen

LUTON.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Martin, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Dawes, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

EXETER.—Chesters; Brown, Boyle; Clarke, Bamsey, Shadwell; Smith, Johnson, Williams, McGill, Owen.

Referee.—W. P. Harper, Stourbridge.



JACK NELSON