

MASON FOILS LUTON

FIRST HOME DEFEAT OF SEASON

Luton Town 0 Queen's Park R. . . 1

In losing to the Rangers, Luton suffered their first home defeat of the season.

It was a tragic sort of match. Early on, although Luton were having the run of the game, and were foiled only by the brilliance of Mason and his colleagues in defence, one detected signs of fatigue and slowness, but this was overcome, and in the second half the game raged round the Rangers' goal.

Certainly Luton's inside forwards were poor marksmen, but they contrived to give Mason a load of trouble. He saved the Rangers, and more than once his colleagues wrung his hand in sheer joy.

Never at fault in the slightest, he brought off the most extraordinary saves. Charlton notched a lovely goal after half an hour, but generally it was a hectic battle between Mason and his immediate colleagues and the Luton attack.

Payne once got the ball into the net following a corner, but the goal was disallowed for some infringement.

Luton merited better, for their defence was fine all through, and the forwards could do everything but score.

Luton: Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Lutterloch, Nelson, Fellowes; Rich, Dawes, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

Q.P.R.: Mason (W); Barrie, Rowe; March, Farmer, Moralee; Lumsden, Lowe, Charlton (W), Fitzgerald, McMahon.

Luton Lose Their Fine Home Record

Luton Town 0, Queen's P. Rangers 1.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS earned the distinction of being the first club to beat Luton at home, but most of the credit was due to Mason in goal.

He was superb and frequently foiled Luton when the Rangers' defence had been spreadeagled.

Rangers were grim rather than clever and for most of the time they packed their goal with half a dozen full-backs in a desperate attempt to hang on to the lead that Charlton gave them from a breakaway after half an hour's play.

Charlton nearly did the trick on three other occasions.

The game developed into a fierce conflict between the Luton attack and the Rangers' defence. Payne, with the assistance of three or four colleagues, once crashed the ball into the net, and there was a heap of players lying in the goal, but the referee disallowed the point.

Mason, Barrie, Rowe, Farmer, March and Moralee, with the assistance of Lowe and Fitzgerald, formed a rock-like defence and Luton lacked a really good marksman.

Luton defence was fine and the support for the forwards should have assured their victory before half-time.

Referee: C. E. Argent (St. Albans).