

"PAYNE"-LESS

Boscombe Extract Points from Luton

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The "spark" that means "fire" from Luton was missing when, without Payne leading the forwards, the much-fancied promotion aspirants were beaten by Boscombe.

There can be no denying the fact that Payne's absence through a knee injury was Luton's undoing. Sloan, at inside-right, and Dawes, in the centre, did not know how to work the two centre-forwards trick. In addition both players failed badly with their marksmanship.

Stephenson opened the score for Luton after 35 minutes. Boscombe lost the chance of equalising from a penalty just before the interval, when Riley shot straight at Dolman.

But opportunities came again in the opening four minutes of the second half, which won Boscombe the match. In the first minute Whittam robbed Smith when he was slow in clearing and placed the ball perfectly for Rowley to equalise. Then Whittam again took a chance with a great shot from 18 yards out to beat Dolman.

Luton, the aggressors in the first half, became the defenders in the second. Boscombe fought back with a vengeance, and their two quick goals showed them that attack was the best defence. Luton's attack went to pieces in the second half, and their defence was none too sure against the long passes which Redfern and Rowley, the two youngsters on the Boscombe wings, were able to use to fine advantage.

Boscombe: Mellors; Marsden, Cooke; Smith, Pincott, Lawrence; Redfern, Whittam, Riley, Chalmers, Rowley.

Luton: Dolman; Mackay, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hancock, Sloan, Dawes, Roberts, Stephenson.