

Payne's Four Lift Luton Nearer

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Luton 5, Gillingham 2

Luton had to fight hard to take full points from Gillingham last night. They owed a great deal to the defence for steadiness against the vigorous onslaught of a powerfully-built and speedy attack.

Also to Payne for a display as clever as it was courageous in leading the Luton attack.

Payne scored four goals, and had he been less unselfish he might have scored several more, but he was obviously trying to share some of the glory with his colleagues.

Gillingham showed tremendous vigour, and frequently shook the Luton defence by the rapidity of their assaults.

However, they had no one who could put the scotch on Payne. He scored two in each half.

Between his first two came a very fine effort from Finlayson, who dribbled at least twenty yards before beating Whitelaw with a magnificent shot.

Gillingham's first goal came from Watson just before the interval, and their second from Hartley, with the very last kick of the match.