

DECEPTIVE CURL

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HOW DAWES GOT TWO POINTS FOR THE HATTERS

LUTON 1, MANCHESTER U. 0

A goal by Dawes midway through the second half gave Luton Town two points in their home match with Manchester United. They just about deserved their win, but had Manchester United had any punch in their forward line the result might well have been in their favour.

United's front line was extremely poor, and not one of the five showed that he had a shot in his boots. Clever they were, but in front of goal they were surprisingly innocuous. The peak of this was reached when Baird, who had twice previously struck the post, lifted the ball over an untenanted goal from three yards range.

This was before Luton had scored. Defences were on top from start to finish, and the only goal was a spectacular one. Dawes picked up a clearance from Griffiths and, taking the ball to the edge of the penalty area, sent in a high shot from an oblique angle which curled into the far corner of the net, completely deceiving Breen.

Dawes was quite the best forward on the field, and his shooting was a feature of a game in which there were singularly few accurate shots. Roberts played finely in the second half, but his partner Stephenson was right off form.

Payne was injured in the first half and was never given any rope by Vose though he went near to scoring on two occasions. Nelson was the outstanding figure on the field and in the closing minutes he twice kicked off the goal line with Coen beaten.