

FADE OUT OF LUTON

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Sheffield United 2, Luton 0

THE United looked more like a team in this game than in the preceding matches, and from the time when Leyfield opened the scoring the result never looked like being different to what it was.

Luton's early promise was not maintained. They will have to quicken their movements in the Second Division. Payne—whose transfer has been hinted at—did little of note, and the Manchester United and Liverpool representatives at the game could not have been impressed.

Payne started off with a good shot and a header from a corner, which suggested he would be a danger. But afterwards he was held in complete subjection by Johnson.

There was no one in the Luton attack capable of lending a helping hand, and the United defence, with Cox and Jackson outstanding, had little difficulty in holding out.

The nearest attempt Luton made to scoring was in the second half, when a 25-yard drive by Dawes brought the best out of Smith, who saved at full length. The feature of the game was a picture goal by Gardner, who threaded his way through the Luton defence and left Coen helpless with a grand drive.

That followed an earlier goal by Leyfield, who promptly shot through when Jones and Eggleston had both failed to take chances in the same movement. Leyfield's goals are proving very useful to Sheffield, for this one followed two in the previous home game with Bury.

Leyfield was always a danger on the left wing, and even if Dodds did not succeed in scoring, he gave the Luton defenders plenty of trouble. Nelson and Finlayson were sound Luton half-backs, but Luton were always playing second fiddle, after the opening quarter of an hour.

Some of Finlayson's forward passes should have brought better results from Hancock, but he found Cox a fast improving back, and a difficult opponent to overcome. Eggleston was the most disappointing player in the Sheffield attack, but the understanding generally was better than it has been.

Sheffield.—Smith; Hooper, Cox; Jackson, Johnson, Stevens; Leyfield, Gardner, Dobbs, Eggleston, Jones.

Luton.—Coen; King, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hancock, Dawes, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.