

TOWN'S POINT FROM BRADFORD

Defence too Good for Home Forwards

(By CHILTERN).

BRADFORD 1
Henson

LUTON TOWN 1
Dawes

BRADFORD. — Farr; Lindley, Johnstone; Stabb, Danskin, Hallard; Doran, Robertson, Henson, Wesley, Lewis.

LUTON TOWN. — Dolman; King, Smith; Finlayson, Fellowes, Loughran; Hancock, Dawes, Vinnall, Roberts, Stephenson.

Referee: G. W. Jones, Nottingham.

LUTON TOWN THOROUGHLY EARNED THE POINT they took from BRADFORD on Saturday, and they held their own well in a hard game. They owed a lot to a grand defence, which presented a solid front in the last part of the game and kept out the eager, but none too accurate, home forwards.

BUT FOR A BAD MISTAKE BY THE REFEREE, the Town might have taken both points, for there was no doubt in anybody's mind that the home side's goal, scored after 17 minutes' play, was offside. It came following a breakaway on the right wing, and Doran was definitely offside.

THE LINESMAN SIGNALLED, BUT PLAY WENT ON, and the ball came into the centre, where HENSON and Lewis had two shots saved before the former managed to rush the ball into the net. Despite the appeals by the Luton players,



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and the fact that the linesman continued to wave his flag, the referee would not consult him, and the goal was allowed to stand.

THE TOWN HAVE HAD A LOT OF BAD LUCK when playing away from home this season, and this was a very bad blow. However, they fought back finely, and DAWES deservedly put them on level terms after 35 minutes. It was a brilliant individual effort. He beat Danskin, and shot past Farr as the goalkeeper advanced. Johnstone made a despairing effort to reach the ball, but it ended in the back of the net.

THIS PROVED TO BE ALL THE SCORING, and, in fact, it was only rarely afterwards that a goal looked like coming. Once Doran made a magnificent run, and ended with a shot that Dolman saved and King turned outside for a corner, but this was the nearest approach to another point.

DEFENCES WERE ON TOP throughout the second half. Luton began brightly, and put in some delightful work in mid-field, but this brought no danger in front of goal. For the last twenty minutes or so, Bradford made desperate efforts for a decider, but their forwards could make

little of the Town defence, and were driven back time and again.

THEIR FINISHING WAS POOR, and what shots that were accurately made were safely dealt with by Dolman. Lewis was the most dangerous forward, and he once forced Dolman to make a clever save from a header, but for the most part he suffered in the general mediocrity in front of goal.

THE LUTON FORWARDS WERE MORE IMPRESSIVE as a line, and if they did not have as much of the play, certainly played the better football. They made several sharp attacks towards the end, but could not get within shooting distance.

ALL PRAISE MUST GO TO THE LUTON DEFENCE for its grand display. Dolman was very confident, and never made a mistake. He used fine judgment in coming out for balls, and he handled brilliantly. Smith was troubled by a gathering on the knee, and this affected his play somewhat, though not to the degree that might have been expected. He played pluckily throughout, and certainly kept his end up.

KING KEPT A WATCHFUL EYE ON LEWIS, and made some opportune interventions. Quick in recovery, he kicked much better than he did at Coventry. Fellowes made a grand job of deputising for Nelson at centre-half. He worked tirelessly from start to finish, and Henson had rather an unhappy time against him. He got a surprising number of balls in the air, and lost no time in clearing.

FINLAYSON WAS THE BEST HALF on the field when it came to constructive work, and he was continually bringing out clever footwork. In defence he was excellent, while Loughran once again proved what a fine player he is. He was always working, and held up a useful wing.

DAWES AND ROBERTS WERE THE PICK of the forwards, and both caught the eye with extremely clever work. They were always doing something with the ball, and both did fine work when they dropped back to help the defence. Vinnall did not, perhaps, have the best of support, but he did enough to show that the Town have made a good capture.

HE WAS ALWAYS WORKING, and occupied all Danskin's time. Stephenson was not brought into the game for long spells, but when he had the ball he invariably made good use of it. Hancock may not have been quite fit, and though he kept on trying, was none too effective.

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Coventry City	11	6	0	5	17	10	17
Sheffield United ...	12	7	3	2	14	14	18
Aston Villa	11	7	3	1	19	9	15
Bradford	11	5	1	5	17	10	15
West Ham Utd. ...	11	5	2	4	19	9	14
Chesterfield	11	6	3	2	21	13	14
Burnley	12	5	3	4	17	16	14
Norwich City	11	6	3	2	25	23	14
Stockport County ..	11	5	4	2	10	13	12
Blackburn R.	11	3	3	5	20	17	11
Swansea Town	11	3	3	5	15	14	11
Nottm. Forest	11	4	4	3	11	11	11
Tottenham H.	11	4	5	2	21	16	10
Manchester Utd. ...	11	4	5	2	14	11	10
Barnsley	11	4	5	2	17	20	10
Southampton	11	3	5	3	17	23	9
Bury	11	4	6	1	9	13	9
LUTON TOWN	11	3	7	1	15	23	7
Fulham	11	1	5	5	11	19	7
Sheffield Wed.	11	2	6	3	9	18	7
Newcastle Utd.	11	1	6	4	13	19	6
Plymouth A.	11	1	7	3	11	22	5