

# Southampton Eclipsed By Luton's Brilliance

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Southampton 3, Luton Town 6.

**M**USICAL excerpt from the Southampton programme was "Will You Remember." I think Southampton will remember Luton Town for many a long day. So would any other team that had stood up to that deadly long-range shooting barrage for ninety minutes.

Luton deservedly won because they had a set of forwards who were as good with their heads as their feet, excelled in long-range shooting, and because they had wing halves in Fellowes and Finlayson who joined whole-heartedly in all attacks. For Nelson, I repeat what I have said before. I have yet to see him play a bad game.

Luton were terrific. Southampton, by no means a poor side, were completely eclipsed by the finest team I have seen this season, and for their goal-ridden defence I say that I would have liked to see any team to stand up to Luton.

There were three flaws in Southampton make-up. Affleck was on a piece of string with Vinall; Day and Sillett (right flank defence) were outwitted by brilliant Parris and Nelson ruled the centre-field like a dictator. There you have it in a nutshell.

There was much to praise and little to blame in this match, although I do say that Vinall is by far and away the best centre forward I have seen this season. He is the link that Luton needed.

## CLASSIC GOAL

The first goal was a classic. For eight minutes Luton held the Saints at bay. Fellowes lobbed a pass to Ferguson (young recruit) on the right. He beat Day, and Warhurst rightly advanced. The shot was partly saved and Vinall crashed into the empty net.

Osman put Southampton level, and then, before half-time, Roberts crashed home a thirty-five yards' winner.

A wonderful goal.

Followed in the second half by a great individual effort when Osman took the ball half the length of the field to trick Nelson and ram home a real beauty.

Then Ferguson, Roberts, Parris, and Vinall added goals for Luton, and Osman got a third to complete his hat-trick for Southampton.

Osman was Southampton's star. When he changed with Gaughran and went in the centre there was a big improvement.

Parris, coloured Luton left winger, I set on a pedestal. This ice-cool player flashed to stardom down the left flank. He has that quick, adaptable brain of the born star.

Luton my team of the year now.