

TOWN STILL PICKING UP AWAY POINTS

DRAW A FAIR RESULT AT SWANSEA

(By CHILTERN)

LUTON TOWN WENT TO SWANSEA expecting a hard game, and they got it. It was obvious that a team could not go on match after match not winning a point, and that they are getting desperate at Vetch Field was seen by the type of play served up. The Swans included two new wingmen in an effort to gain success, and it was a good performance on the part of the Town to retain a point.

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A DRAW WAS A FAIR RESULT of a match in which defences were too strong for the respective forward lines. Actually, the home side held the balance of play, especially in the second half, but their finishing was so poor that there was never any real danger that the Town would be robbed of their reward. The heavy ground was all against clever football, but what there was was played by Luton.

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IT WAS AT INSIDE FORWARD that Swansea were weakest, and with the trio hesitant and slow to shoot, they usually fell an easy prey to the defence. Mackey was undoubtedly the outstanding figure in the Town rearguard, and he revealed the form that earned him the reputation of being one of the best defenders in the Southern Section.

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HE HAS MADE A GREAT COMEBACK, and has imparted that solidity that has been missing in so many matches this season. Smith and Nelson were also in great form, and they formed an almost impenetrable barrier. The former was as enthusiastic as usual, and his first time tackling and sound kicking was a big asset.

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NELSON WAS INJURED IN THE FIRST HALF, but he gave little sign of his handicap in his second half display. He completely blocked the middle of the field, and his head dealt with many centres before they became dangerous. In the early stages, he was not too sure, but as the game progressed he became more and more of a barrier to the Swans' progress.

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FINLAYSON WAS ANOTHER STAR IN DEFENCE, with Fellowes little behind. Both broke up attack after attack, and were continually working. They were always hard to pass, but they did not have as much scope as usual for attacking. Dolman was unlucky to sustain a knee injury that has since proved serious, and he stuck to his task grimly. He had a share in the success, and his anticipation was always splendid.

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THE FORWARDS FOUND THE GOING AGAINST THEM, and it was only at odd periods that they moved with their customary smoothness. In spite of this, they were more impressive than the home line, and their finishing was much more accurate. Vinall again led cleverly, despite the fact that he was closely watched by Leyland, who played a great game. Vinall was always doing clever things, and some of his footwork was brilliant.

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PAYNE IS GRADUALLY RECOVERING HIS OLD FORM, and he and Dawes were rather more effective than the left wing. Payne was always in the thick of it, but Dawes' centres were not always strong enough. Roberts did his usual amount of hard work, but he and Stephenson were not allowed much rope by Warner and Wright. Stephenson did not see a lot of the ball in the second half, but he has not yet touched his best.

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THE TOWN HAD A SHOCK IN TWO MINUTES, for the home side went ahead with a lucky goal. An awkwardly bounce-



MACKEY

ing ball, and a misunderstanding between Nelson and Dolman enabled PEARCE to dash through and net from close range. This encouraged the Swans, and Lowrie should have added to the lead. Luton began to fight back, and PAYNE equalised after 17 minutes with a great low shot after Fellowes, Finlayson and Roberts had made ground.

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THIS PROVED TO BE ALL THE SCORING, and for the remainder of the match the defences were too good for the forwards. Both teams employed spoiling tactics very cleverly, but although Swansea pressed for long periods in the second half, they did not cause Dolman much trouble. Lowrie and Payne each missed a chance, but for the most part, further goals always seemed unlikely.

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Pearce	
LUTON TOWN	1
Payne	

SWANSEA TOWN.—Moore; Wright, Emmanuel (T.); Warner, Leyland, Simons; Foreman, Lowrie, Pearce, Olsen, Millington.

LUTON TOWN.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Dawes, Payne, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

Referee: A. L. Davies, Wincanton.