

ONE POINT EACH

LUTON TOWN DRAW AT HOME

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN had to be content to share the spoils in their home game with NORWICH CITY. Weather conditions were all against good play, but the home side had all the better of the exchanges in the open, and the reason for their failure to win was chiefly because they could not find a foothold in front of goal.

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NORWICH were forced to defend for four fifths of the game and the honours as far as the City were concerned were won by the defenders, who fought gamely and strongly throughout. Nevertheless, with better finishing Luton would have had the game safe long before the interval.

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LUTON DICTATED the course of the play from the start, and apart from occasional raids little was seen of the City forwards. In spite of their supremacy, however, the Town could not get in a telling shot, or, if they did Duke was always there to receive. He had a great deal of work, but nothing very exacting, though several shots went close.

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NEARLY THIRTY MINUTES had elapsed when the City right wing broke through, and Friar managed to keep the ball in play and turn it neatly in front of goal or COLEMAN to score at will. A similar effort just afterwards had the Town defenders all at sea, and Coen raced out of goal but could not retain the ball, and

Friar shot towards the empty goal; Nelson, however, ran in and managed to get the ball away as it was crossing the line.

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THEN LUTON took up the running again very strongly and the left wing broke clean through; Roberts pushed the ball forward for VINALL to race between the backs and fire home a splendid shot as Duke advanced from goal.

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WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES, Norwich's goal had half-a-dozen escapes, the ball being fired in from all quarters, and once Roberts hit the bar; Duke saved several times, but mainly it was the barrier of players under the bar that kept the ball out of the net, and half-time arrived with the scoring finished.

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SECOND HALF found Norwich penned in for long stretches and Duke saved well from Finlayson early on. Dawes and Stephenson got across quite a number of centres but the inside forwards could not stand up to take them, and the City defenders lost no time in booting the ball clear.

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MACKEY and Smith gave the opposing wingers very little scope, but Ware once got clean through and had only Coen to beat, but the goalkeeper came out in timely fashion and saved. Luton took command again, and battled on, shots going in from all quarters, but there was little sting behind most of them, and the nearest shot was one by Roberts which went just too high, though he would have scored had he kept the ball low, so close was he to goal.

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ONE MORE SCARE the Town defence had before the end and that was when Madden ran through very cleverly, but Mackey got the better of him in a tackle at close quarters, and kept the ball between his feet until Coen could arrive and take it and put it away.

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LUTON AGAIN made efforts to break through, but the forwards could not find the determination or the marksmanship to beat a very solid defence and the game ended with the scores level.

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CONDITIONS were so difficult that criticism could not be just to players who failed so consistently because they could not retain their foothold, though each defence earned praise for the strength and determination displayed.

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LUTON TOWN 1

Vinall

NORWICH CITY 1

Coleman

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

NORWICH.—Duke; Halliday, Bowen; Robinson, Reilly, Morris; Friar, Coleman, Ware, Manders, Madden.



VINALL