

BARNSELEY'S GAME STRUGGLE

Coen's Superb Display

LUTON 4
 Roberts (2), Dawes (2)

BARNSELEY 0

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

BARNSELEY.—Binns; Bokas, Shotton; Jones, Watson, Logan; Fisher, Barlow, Hamill, Asquith, Lang.

Referee: G. Dutton, Warwick.

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CHRISTMAS DAY FARE was to the liking of Luton Town supporters, for Barnsley put up a grand fight, and although beaten by four goals clear, they made a better show than teams that have taken points from Luton.

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LUTON BEGAN STRONGLY, and after two attacks had been repelled, a corner was conceded and from Stephenson's flag-kick, ROBERTS headed a splendid goal two minutes after the kick-off.

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BARNSELEY GOT GOING, and for the next quarter of an hour they were not merely the more aggressive side; they dictated the course of the game, and it was only the sheer brilliance of Coen that prevented several goals.

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BARNSELEY'S FORWARDS were very clever in their approach work, dribbling finely, but their shooting was wretched, and even allowing for the great work of Coen, he should have been beaten, for the visitors were very close in to goal many times.

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LUTON, however, were keeping the game open, and the forwards showed much skill and accuracy in passing, and Stephenson in particular, was a speedy raider capable of bringing much trouble every time he got going.

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THE SECOND GOAL came as the result of cleverness by Vinall, who drew the opposition, and then placed the ball neatly for ROBERTS to race up and score with a hard smash.

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THIRD GOAL came just before change of ends, when Stephenson broke away and centred from the flag, for DAWES to race between the backs and beat Binns from close range.

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CROSSING OVER with a lead of three goals Luton were by no means content, and almost at once Binns was brought into action, and saved grandly. However, he had to concede a corner, and from Stephenson's flag-kick the Barnsley custodian knocked the ball high in the air, and as it came down DAWES rushed in and beat the goalkeeper with a header.

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PLAY WAS KEENLY CONTESTED, and both defences were tested to the full. Coen again brought off many grand saves, but Hamill and Lang each missed very badly from close quarters.

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BINNS SAVED cleverly from Vinall, and Stephenson hit the upright. The latter also had a terrific shot saved in magnificent style by Binns and Roberts skimmed the bar with a good shot.

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BARNSELEY PERSEVERED to the end, and Coen was frequently applauded for



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remarkable saves. Just on time Hamill managed to get the ball past the Luton goalkeeper, but he was pulled up from an infringement.

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IT WAS A HARD GAME throughout, and there were few dull moments although in the second half the pace evidently told its tale on defenders on either side, and play was not so good as in the first period. Nevertheless it was a splendid game to watch and was thoroughly enjoyed.