

TOWN'S FORM NOT CONVINCING

Scarborough Miss Two Golden Chances

VINALL AND DAWES SCORE FIRST HALF GOALS

(By CRUSADER)

Second half of the football season is always the more strenuous for those clubs still holding an interest in the F.A. Cup competition, or with a fair chance of promotion, or with the gloomy prospect of relegation.

Luton Town have not a great deal of scope for hope or fear in regard to their League position, but to-day were concerned with a Cup-tie which meant a good deal to the club, at least financially.

Exempt from the earlier rounds, they had to visit one of the smaller fry remaining in the competition at the third round last Saturday, and they failed to shake off the plucky Scarborough challenge.

Result was that Scarborough were visitors to Luton to-day for a re-play, and they had let it be known up north that they were confident of holding Luton in this second game.

The Town fielded the side that did duty at Scarborough, and the visitors made one change, involving both positions on the left wing. Varty was stood down from the wing. Sharp moved into that position, and Burke was introduced at inside left.

Thus did they line up:

Rt.	LUTON TOWN									Lt.
	Coen		Smith							
	Mackey									
	Finlayson		Nelson		Fellowes					
	Ferguson		Dawes		Roberts		Stephenson			
			Vinall							
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			Nicol							
	Sharp		Burke		Beckett		Agar			
	Heelbeck		Jolly		Llewellyn					
			Fieldsend		Mitchell					
			Robinson							
Lt.	SCARBOROUGH									Rt.
	Referee: C. Booth, Heywood.									

The visitors were warmly welcomed by a crowd of about 13,000. The ground was worse than at any previous match this season, the mud in the middle being ankle deep.

SCARBOROUGH'S LIVELY START

Scarborough won the toss and were first to break through on the left. Mackey being beaten simply by the left wing. Smith came over and got the ball away and the Town made progress on the right where Finlayson's pass was too speedy for Ferguson.

A free kick was given against Burke for fouling Mackey. The latter placed the ball well, but the visitors got it away.

The first incident of note was a flying left shot from Ferguson, which came right across goal, and Robinson allowed it to go wide.

At once we saw the Town start fiddling about instead of getting on with the ball to the right wing, Dawes and Ferguson each being at fault.

VISITORS SHOULD HAVE SCORED

They were too long in getting rid of the ball altogether and on the mud this was not much good.

Scarborough were keeping well up and we had a taste of what they could do when Beckett broke clean through

and should have scored, but he shot wide.

The Town got away on the left, but Mitchell held up Stephenson all right and he got spoken to by the referee for a mild sort of wrestle as the players were on the ground.

We had a little more fooling by Nelson who should have got the ball away quickly, but preferred passing.

So far the Town had done the pretty stuff and Scarborough had done the danger stuff, which was just about what we expected.

THE FIRST GOAL

A long kick by Finlayson brought the first goal. VINALL took the pass as it beat Jolly and went on to shoot. Fieldsend pushed a foot out with the result that he diverted the ball past Robinson.

Scarborough promptly got away from the kick-off, Mitchell being the inspiration of the movement and he sent the right wing through, but Coen dashed out cleverly and baulked Agar as the winger bored in.

More fiddling about on the Town right wing again enabled Scarborough to break through, but Smith cleared with a good header and then Coen caught a long shot from Burke.

When the Town got back, through the agency of a free kick Roberts shot wide from 20 yards. Tom Smith came up and gave the right wing a good pass, but Dawes could not get his feet out of the mud quickly enough, and his shot was blocked.

Ferguson got over a centre just afterwards, but again the shot was blocked and a moment later Mackey shot wide from 40 yards.

TOWN LIVENING UP

There was a loud appeal for hands against one of the visitors as he stopped a shot from Ferguson. This was negative, but the Town were now livening up a bit and play was in the Scarborough half continuously.

Smith was doing exceptionally well by sending the ball among the forwards every time. This was the right policy.

Roberts was badly fouled by Jolly, but from the free kick the right wing pair was offside.

A burst by the visiting forwards beat the Town defence. Burke had every chance, but like other forwards he was too long in getting in his shot and Mackey got up and turned the ball behind for a flag kick.

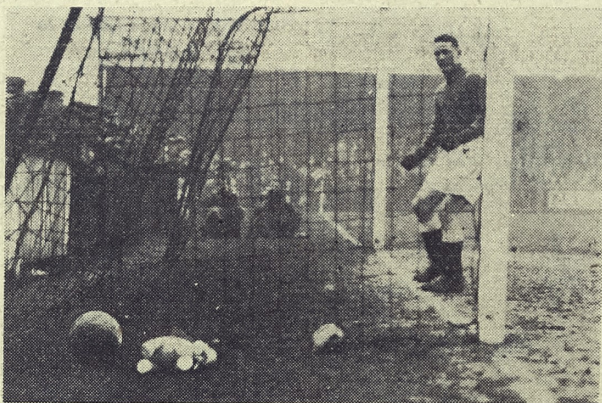
This was got away. The dribbling by the Town forwards was playing directly into the hands of the Scarborough defenders. They were not content to beat one man, but they wanted to beat the whole team.

Stephenson broke through and put in a hard shot which Robinson held at a second attempt.

MUDLARKING

The ground was terribly heavy, and the Town forwards, especially, could not make the ball go through the mud. When they piled Stephenson he broke through and centred and Ferguson was just too late to prevent Robinson punching the ball away at the second attempt.

Stephenson and Vinall broke through



TO-DAY'S REPLAY.—TOP: Vinall's goal, which opened the Town's account. Robinson, the visitors' goalkeeper, is seen looking towards the back of the net, where the ball is lying. LOWER: The rival captains shaking hands at the start of the match.

and the latter lifted the ball just too high right across goal.

For Scarborough it had become a somewhat "while there's life there's hope game," but the Town were certainly not playing the sort of game that was calculated to put the issue safe in quick time.

Another breakthrough by the Scarborough left found Mackey and Nelson well out of position and as Nicol closed in, Smith dashed across and prevented him getting in his shot, the ball going for a corner.

Again they came through, and Burke completely beat the defence, but Coen was waiting to accept his shot.

The first good open movement by the Town forwards, following a dribble by

HOW THE GOALS CAME

VINALL for Luton after 8 minutes.
DAWES for Luton after 28 minutes.
STEPHENSON for Luton after 47 minutes.

Stephenson, brought a really dangerous situation. Vinall banged the ball wide with a first-time shot.

DAWES SCORES FROM THE SPOT

Back the Town came with a similar movement, and this time Vinall was brought down badly by Fieldsend and Jolly right in the jaws of goal. A penalty kick was awarded and DAWES made no mistake.

A corner was forced by the Town immediately after, and Dawes headed just wide from Ferguson's flag kick.

Smith made another fine clearance when the visitors got away and he was certainly so far the most prominent of the Town's defensive line.

Nicol was spoken to for fouling Coen. Then Coen brought off a good save from Beckett. He got hold of a ball just

as it was going away from him, and a moment later he tipped over the bar a good leader from Burke.

There was little good football in it so far. Another strong attack by the Town saw a shot from Dawes strike a defender and go behind for a corner. Robinson saved the flag kick all right.

Mackey was penalised for tripping well inside the visitors' half, and hands against Vinall frustrated another attack.

When the Town gave the ball to the wingers they could always do things, and Stephenson raced through and put in a shot which Robinson rather luckily turned just behind.

ROBINSON'S GREAT SAVE

An all-along-the-line movement looked promising, and Fellowes came right up in the goalmouth to take a pass from Stephenson, but shot wide.

A very fine movement by the Town right brought a centre from Ferguson, which Vinall hit on the run, but Robinson brought off a great save. Half-time:

LUTON 2
SCARBOROUGH 0

On the re-start the Town were first to get busy. But only a tame shot from Ferguson resulted.

TOWN THREE UP

Agar dashed clean through the Town defence, but he found the mud too much for him and his shot dragged along to Coen, who promptly got rid of it.

However, a nice pass to Vinall enabled him to outwit the defence and STEPHENSON darted through, taking the ball in his stride and shot past Robinson as the goalkeeper came out, to put the Town three up.

The Town forwards were appreciating the better conditions at the Kenilworth-road end and Vinall beat Jolly with his head for Roberts to dart through and miss by inches.

The visitors were now finding the class a bit above them. They were plucky and they adopted the right

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methods in giving the ball plenty of boot.

The visitors got away and forced a corner, but Sharp lifted the ball yards over the bar.

A free kick against Smith was placed for Agar to dash through and centre, but the ball went right across goal and behind.

Most of the Town players, not merely the forwards, were still trying to make the ball "talk" in the mud instead of giving it plenty of boot.

Ferguson forced a corner, but Stephenson put behind after the ball had been once cleared.

SLACKNESS OF DEFENCE

Slack work by the Town defenders enabled Scarborough to force a corner. Following the flag kick Fieldsend came right up and headed just over the bar.

Mackey came through the middle with the ball and gave Ferguson a pass, himself going forward for the return, which the winger failed to give.

Scarborough defenders, like most others that have been to Luton, could give the Town defence points in the working of the offside rule, and twice within a few minutes they jockeyed the Town attack offside.

A moment later clever work along the line enabled Dawes to race and meet with his head a fine centre from Ferguson, but Robinson brought off a brilliant save at full length.

For a minute or two we had something like a little bombardment of the Scarborough goal, but the ball was got away and the Town goal was saved by Smith when everything seemed lost.

The visiting left wing broke clean through and from his shot Nicol turned the ball in past Coen, but Smith flew up from nowhere and kicked out.