

LUTON WING-PLAY TIRED SCARBOROUGH

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Luton 5, Scarborough 1

BEFORE their second meeting with Luton, Scarborough had played nine F.A. Cup-ties this season, had scored 20 goals, and had only five scored against them. Luton upset their apple-cart badly by getting as many as the defence had conceded in these nine previous games.

The Yorkshire team will long remember this match, not only because it spelled their exit from the Cup, but because it was a most severe tax upon their physical strength.

Down the middle the pitch was ankle deep in mud of the stickiest variety, and it was impossible to play football as we expect it. In the circumstances both teams played surprisingly well.

Something To Spare

Luton always seemed to have a little in hand, for their opponents, although experienced players, could not quite stand the pace.

Two brilliant Scarborough attacking movements in the first ten minutes suggested the Second Division team were going to have a hard game, but we never saw a repetition of that fine start.

Perhaps Luton's early two goals took the heart out of them.

Both the goals might with truth come under the label "fortunate." The first, after eight minutes, was from a simple shot by Vinall, which the goalkeeper had well covered, but which was deflected by a defender to the other end of the goal.

The second, after 28 minutes, was from a penalty for a foul on the Luton centre-forward, which seemed to me rather drastic punishment. Dawes took the kick, and made no mistake.

Regular Goals

At regular intervals in the second half Luton added to their total. First Stephenson anticipated an inside pass from Vinall to score with a low drive. Then Vinall added another—a good shot from Ferguson's centre—and finally the little right-winger was at hand to tap the ball into the net after Robinson had beaten down a hot shot from Stephenson.

Burke got the Scarborough goal just before the end, when the Luton defence had eased up.

Scarborough's hero was Robinson, who made many brilliant saves, but Heelbeck and the two backs did much good work.

Luton employed better tactics than their opponents. They swung the ball to the wings, where the ground was drier, and Ferguson and Stephenson invariably made good use of the ball. Vinall, however, had a fine match, and the two wing-halves got through an immense amount of work.

Luton.—Coen; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Ferguson, Dawes, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

Scarborough.—Robinson; Mitchell, Fieldsend; Llewellyn, Jolly, Heelbeck; Agar, Beckett, Nicol, Burke, Sharp.