

Luton Coolness Baulked Speedy Swindon Raids

Luton Town 2, Swindon Town 1.

37/38

IT would be fairer to say that Luton survived than that Swindon failed. The difference between the teams was that Luton played with a coolness that was exasperating, and though often in trouble showed little sign of losing their heads against the sweeping methods and speedy raids of the opposition.

Luton had most of the play, but were continually hugging the ball and relying on close-passing methods that failed repeatedly.

The sharp and vigorous tackling of the Swindon defenders was a big feature. The visitors adopted tactics by which their goal was packed in a moment of danger.

The clearance was usually made to the wings, and Jones and Hetherington had their heels so sharpened that rarely did they fail to get the ball across accurately.

Coen had fully as much trouble as Bryan, and Nelson stepped into the breach again and again when the goal seemed bound to fall.

Swindon went down with colours flying. Fore and aft every man played with all the skill and stamina of which he was capable, and right to the last lap the issue was in doubt.

The first goal fell to Luton, three minutes before the interval, when Roberts and Vinall outwitted the visiting defence and Vinall's overhead kick went out to the right.

Ferguson trapped the ball instantly, tricked Smith and rammed the ball in hard. A defender stuck out his foot, but

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the pace was such that the ball travelled from the ground high up into the net.

Swindon equalised after six minutes' pulsating pressure, following the change of ends. They had bombarded the Luton defence, which withstood the attack, but just when the danger appeared to be averted Morton snapped up the ball and shot a glorious goal.

Stephenson won the match fifteen minutes before the close when he seized a wide pass from Ferguson and drove a low ball that Bryan never saw.

Bryan kept a grand goal for Swindon, and Smith and Morrall were powerful defenders. Jones and Morton were Swindon's best forwards.

Luton were well served in defence by Coen and Nelson, and in attack by Vinall, Roberts and Ferguson.

Close thing.