

BRACE FOR A BACK

MACKEY'S TWO GOALS BEAT BURNLEY

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN WERE VERY GLAD of the brace of points they earned at the expense of BURNLEY at Luton on Saturday. In some respects the losers were the better side, but while their combination was such as to evoke frequent applause, their shooting was wretched, and the Town certainly had the greater punch in the right places.

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BURNLEY RESISTED two or three quick assaults by the Town, but after four minutes Ferguson swung the ball across from the touch-line, and it passed well over the heads of the defenders for STEPHENSON to rush in and head into the net, the ball travelling past Adams like a flash.

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THIS GOAL ACTED AS A SPUR to Burnley, who made strong raids, their wingers showing pace, and the inside men passing splendidly. Nelson and Smith were in form, however, and Mackey also kicked well, and the next thrill came at the other end, where Payne was only just too high with a fine drive.

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ROBSON SHOT WIDE with a first-time effort, and then play was kept in Burnley territory for some time, but Adams was not in trouble until he had to turn over the bar a high shot from Ferguson. Two or three corners were forced at each end, and once Adams raced out of goal and just managed to get the ball before Payne could shoot.

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VERY CLEVER PLAY by Burnley's inside forwards then had the Town defence anxious, and Nelson did grand work. Once, however, Brocklebank dribbled right through, and appeared a certain scorer, but Coen dashed out of goal and threw himself at the forward's feet, turning the ball away from goal, and it was scrambled away.

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ROBSON MISSED BADLY a minute later, and when the Town took up the running again Payne only just failed to bag another goal after Ferguson and Dawes had the Burnley defence in a tangle.

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RE-STARTING THE SECOND HALF, Mackey went to outside-right, Finlayson to right-back, and Ferguson to right-half. The Town were the more forceful in their methods, and they quickly had the Burnley defence at full stretch, Stephenson being very conspicuous by his runs.

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FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE RENEWAL, Stephenson had the better of the opposition in a rush on the left and swung the ball right across; MACKEY was in the

right spot to receive, and, meeting the ball first time, he gave Adams no chance to save.

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ROUNDS OF APLAUSE greeted Mackey's success, but Burnley still caused a lot of trouble by their clever moves, and the Town defenders were often hard pressed, but only once was Coen seriously tested, and then he saved splendidly from Brocklebank.

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MACKEY SCORED A THIRD GOAL after Payne had caused a stir among the Burnley defenders with a swift thrust, and the ball, although taken from him, went off at a tangent to the right, and again Mackey was in the correct place, and as Adams came out of goal, the ball went past him into the net.

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THREE GOALS UP was to the liking of the crowd, and the Town played up strongly. Dawes and Roberts nearly got through with fine efforts, and Stephenson and Payne gave a tremendous lot of anxiety whenever they were on the move.

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BURNLEY did not have so much of the play as in the first half, but when Hornby got away to beat Finlayson, he was brought down just inside the penalty area by Nelson. MILLER scored from the penalty spot.

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PLAY WAS NOT SO EXCITING after this, but each defence was kept busy, and by their thrustfulness the Town merited the points.

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COEN HAD NOT A GREAT DEAL OF WORK. Nelson played finely, and Smith was in enthusiastic mood as usual. Mackey suffered from injury, but had plenty of compensation by scoring a couple of goals. Finlayson and Fellowes worked well, and Payne and Stephenson were the best forwards.

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BURNLEY WERE WELL SERVED by Adams, Robinson, Woodruff and Smith in defence, and in attack their inside forwards, Miller and Brocklebank, were very clever, and Stein caused some concern now and then, but the attack lacked a marksman.

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LUTON TOWN 3
Stephenson, Mackey (2)

BURNLEY 1
Miller (penalty)

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

BURNLEY.—Adams; Robinson, Chester; Martindale, Woodruff, Smith (W S); Stein, Miller, Robson, Brocklebank, Hornby.

Referee.—I H W Wright, Derby.