

LUTON TOWN'S BRILLIANT VICTORY AT BURY

GREAT RECOVERY AFTER THE CUP-TIE LAPSE

PAYNE ON THE MARK AGAIN WITH A "HAT-TRICK"

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LUTON TOWN 4
Payne 3, Redfern

BURY 3
Davies 3

BURY.—Ferguson (A); Bell, Gemmell; Jones, Mathewson, Whitfield; Kilshaw, Bargh, Davies, Graham, Hulbert.

LUTON TOWN.—Coen; Carte Lutterloch; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Ferguson (C), Redfern, Payne, Dawes, Stephenson.

Referee: G. Dutton, Warwick.

Luton Town gained a magnificent victory at Bury yesterday, and thus avenged the odd goal defeat they sustained when Bury were visitors to Luton early in the season.

The success was the result of much better understanding and team work all round, and to every player must be given praise for overcoming the disappointment they must have suffered as a result of their Cup-tie defeat.

It was decided to bring in Carte and Lutterloch at back, as all the regular backs were more or less casualties, while an experiment in the attack was tried by putting Dawes in his old position at inside-left, and Redfern inside-right.

Few of the supporters, however, could have thought there was much chance of a victory in view of the defensive changes. The team rose to the occasion grandly, and thoroughly merited their success.

TOWN WEAR NEW COLOURS

The Town wore their new change colours for the first time. They are red shirts with white collars and cuffs, white knickers, and red and white ringed stockings.

The turf was soft on top. There was a tricky cross wind, otherwise conditions were ideal.

The gate was very poor, there being only 6,000 present at the start.

Nelson won the toss and gave his side the advantage of the wind, but facing the sun.

BURY GOALKEEPER TESTED

Carte was in the picture in the first minute, with a neat intervention, and then Nelson passed back to Coen when the home forwards moved up again.

A clever flick by Payne sent Stephenson away, but the winger was crowded out by Gorman.

Ferguson (A.) was lucky to save from Payne when Stephenson sent in a grand centre. Payne headed in, but the goalkeeper just managed to scramble the ball away at the second attempt.

A free kick against the Town was easily kicked away by Lutterloch.

Redfern sent Payne through, only for the centre-forward to be pulled up for offside.

Bury returned to the attack, and Nelson and Carte in turn cleared from Hulbert. Graham received a facial injury and had to retire for attention. He soon resumed.

At this stage both teams were guilty of bad passing and neither goalkeeper had much to do.

There were loud Bury claims for a penalty for hands when Lutterloch smothered a shot from Graham. Then the Town goal had a near escape when Gorman lobbed a high ball into the goalmouth.

COEN'S BRILLIANT SAVE

Coen fisted away to Davies's feet. The centre-forward shot first time, but Coen flung himself at the ball and turned it round the post. It was a brilliant save.

He was again in the picture a moment later when he cleared a point-blank drive from Kilshaw.

The Town then had a turn and Ferguson (C) shot over after outpacing Gemmell. Neat work by Bargh took Bury through again and Davies skimmed the far post with a hard drive.

Bury were having more of the play, but the Town kept breaking away and Dawes shot across the goal after he and Stephenson had combined well.

A Luton attack in which Stephenson, Payne and Redfern took part ended when Dawes shot wide.

A shot from Graham flashed across goal with no one able to touch it.

TOWN HARD PRESSED

Lutterloch made a safe clearance when Kilshaw looked dangerous, and Payne was pulled up for some infringement when Ferguson sent him through.

A long pass which Dawes intended for Ferguson was headed behind by Gemmell. From the corner Payne put in a great overhead kick which was barely a foot wide.

Only a wonder save by Coen kept out a terrific drive from Davies. He managed to scramble the ball round the post for a corner.

For a time the Town were besieged, and three corners followed in quick succession.

OFFSIDE TACTICS

From the third, Hulbert headed just the wrong side of the post, after Coen had partially cleared.

Then Hulbert crashed in a great shot from the wing that just topped the bar.

With the Town defence appealing for offside, Hulbert was allowed to go on. Coen failed to completely stop the shot and a great scramble ensued.

Coen saved again while on the ground and after several defenders had stopped shots, Nelson got the ball away.

AN EXCITING TWO MINUTES

Coen made another wonder save from Kilshaw, but from the corner there was another melee and after many shots had been charged down, MATTHEWSON rushed the ball through.

This was after 35 minutes, and the lead was preserved.

However direct from the restart PAYNE ran on to a long pass from Redfern and disregarding appeals for offside shot hard into the corner of the net as Ferguson (A) came cut to meet him.

The Bury players were almost dumfounded, but the referee immediately awarded the goal. However, the home-sters attacked again, and Coen had to go full length once more to save from Davies.

LUTON'S BRIGHTEST WORK

Coen was playing a wonderful game.

Following this, Luton put in their brightest work so far, and Payne was unlucky to see the ball go over the bar after he had beaten Ferguson (A.).

Then Ferguson (C) cleverly tricked Gemmell and took the ball in before crossing it, but it went behind both Payne and Dawes.

The Town were now on top, almost for the first time, and Dawes sent Ferguson (C) away. Payne headed over from the centre.

The Bury defence was faltering and Ferguson was unlucky to see a scoring shot strike Redfern, to be deflected outside.

The Town continued to attack up to the interval. Stephenson pulled the ball for Payne, but the centre-forward could not shoot, so he passed to Redfern.

HE WHO HESITATES

The inside man easily beat Gemmell and found himself directly in front of

the net. It looked like a goal, but he dalled, and Mathewson dashed up to give away a corner.

Before the kick could be taken the interval came. Half-time:

BURY 1
LUTON 1

There was no doubt that Bury were the better team in the first half-hour, and they had sufficient chances to have taken a substantial lead.

Coen often stood between them and goal, and he made some spectacular saves.

Carte and Lutterloch were both doing well. In the last ten minutes of the first half the Luton forwards were something like their best, and with a little more luck would have taken the lead.

Payne was all leading the forwards in his old style, and he was the chief danger to Bury.

BURY GO AHEAD

The Bury fade-out did not continue at the beginning of the second half, for Coen had to push over a shot by Kilshaw and save at the foot of the post from Hulbert.

Redfern showed some deft footwork in weaving his way through, but could not get in his shot, and passed to Payne, who had two efforts blocked.

Dawes next worked his way out to the left. He centred well, but Mathewson headed away as Redfern was trying to find Payne.

At the other end, Carte failed to stop Hulbert. Coen rushed out to save from Davies and beat down a drive from Graham in the next second.

Dawes had another try, but the whistle had already gone for offside.

A terrible offside decision by the

referee robbed Dawes of an opening, and directly from the kick for this infringement DAVIES found a gap down the middle and gave Bury the lead with a drive that gave Coen no chance.

This was after 54 minutes.

PAYNE AGAIN

The Town made ground again and Payne sent Stephenson away.

The winger was stopped, but the danger was not cleared and the left winger again obtained possession. He headed to PAYNE, who cleverly passed Mathewson and Gorman. This left him with a clear course for goal, and although he was at an acute angle he placed his shot carefully and the ball went into the net by the far post.

This was after 57 minutes.

The Town deserved to be on terms simply because they had made most of their chances.

Another Bury raid brought some anxiety to the Town defence, which was not always positioning well. Coen was at hand and again saved. Ferguson (C) forced a corner that brought nothing, and then Payne lost a race with Ferguson (A) only by inches.

LUTON TAKE LEAD

A free kick against Fellowes was taken by Gorman, who drove in a splendid shot from 40 yards, but was off the mark.

Luton forwards were playing some very good football at times. Payne was in an inspired mood, and after 65 minutes Luton took the lead. It was a brilliant goal.

The movement was begun by Dawes who passed to Payne.

Instead of rushing through as the defence expected he cleverly passed to REDFERN. The inside-right got the ball down nicely and took it close to goal before beating Ferguson (A.).

At times the Bury forwards passed most accurately, but their finishing was weak.

BURY'S FRANTIC EFFORTS

Carte made one desperate tackle to stop Davies and then another corner was cleared.

There was not much in it now. Bury were making frantic efforts for an equaliser, but the Town's defence was playing its part finely.

Payne lifted the ball over the bar from the wing while Stephenson finely beat Gorman in small space.

Redfern tried to break through from his centre, but was tackled and had to receive attention.

The Town were doing attacking once more. Ferguson (A.) made a magnificent save. He was called upon shortly afterwards to punch away from Ferguson (C.).

Much of the sting had gone out of the Bury attack but they still kept pegging away. Nelson was one of the main

COEN'S GREAT EXHIBITION IN FIRST HALF

finally win was a great performance, and the victory was thoroughly deserved.

Bury have a clever side, and fought like tigers to save a point, but the Town defence scarcely faltered, despite the terrific pressure exerted in the closing minutes when Bury threw everything into attack.

The Town forwards played as if rejuvenated. Payne was back at his brilliant best, and with a little more luck he must have had more than three goals.

He was working tremendously hard throughout, and Mathewson, one of the most discussed centre-halves in the north, could never hold him.

All the others played their parts, particularly Redfern, who, although a trifle slow at times, was always working the ball cleverly. Dawes linked up well with Stephenson, and Ferguson, although not having many chances, got the ball across finely.

Nelson was the outstanding man in defence, and scarcely put a foot wrong.

Carte and Lutterloch came through the match with flying colours, and Carte was exceptionally cool, considering it was his first League appearance.

The wing halves were always working hard, and the Town can thank Coen that they were not in arrears at the interval, for the goalkeeper made some brilliant saves.

Bury had the more chances, but the Town were always the more lively in front of goal.

It was, perhaps, Payne's dash and opportunism that really decided the match in their favour.

DIVISION II.										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Sheffield United	28	17	4	7	55	37	38			
Aston Villa	27	15	6	6	48	24	36			
Coventry City	28	13	9	6	41	32	35			
Manchester United	26	13	6	7	54	36	32			
Bradford	27	11	9	7	44	31	31			
Burnley	29	11	9	9	39	38	31			
West Ham United	27	10	10	7	39	30	30			
Chesterfield	26	11	8	7	47	36	30			
Tottenham	27	12	4	11	49	37	28			
Bury	28	12	4	12	40	38	28			
LUTON TOWN	28	11	5	12	59	58	27			
Southampton	28	10	6	12	41	57	26			
Sheffield Wednesday	26	9	7	12	33	39	25			
Norwich City	27	9	7	11	45	54	25			
Blackburn Rovers	28	9	7	12	48	58	25			
Newcastle United	26	9	6	11	32	33	24			
Nottingham Forest	28	9	6	13	32	38	24			
Barnsley	29	9	6	14	40	52	24			
Fulham	28	8	7	13	39	46	23			
Swansea Town	28	6	10	12	30	50	22			
Stockport County	26	7	7	12	29	43	21			
Plymouth Argyle	26	7	6	14	38	51	19			

barriers to their progress and he held up attack after attack.

PAYNE'S THIRD

Ten minutes from the end PAYNE completed his hat trick. A good forward movement ended with Redfern kicking the ball down the middle and Payne ran on to it to beat Ferguson (A) with a shot that entered the far corner of the net.

Kilshaw made a splendid effort for Bury but his drive was inches too high.

The Town were still doing more of the attacking and their forwards were more dangerous in front of goal. Redfern dribbled his way through and pulled the ball back to Payne, when a defender stuck his foot out and deflected it.

THE LAST GOAL

Five minutes from the end slack work by the Town defenders let in DAVIES who dashed through to beat Coen with an unstoppable shot to reduce the arrears for Bury.

Following this there were some exciting raids on the Town goal. Coen made a fine effort to stop a shot from Graham. The Town came back again and a centre from Ferguson brought a scramble which was cleared.

Last minute efforts by Bury brought some excitement but Lutterloch twice cleared when a goal seemed imminent. Pressure was relieved and Payne went away to pass to Ferguson whose final pass was faulty.

COMMENTS

Perhaps the brightest feature in the Town's success was the splendid team work. Every man pulled his weight and the team spirit was better than it has been all the season. To fight back after being twice down and