

Nearer The Safety Line

Luton Town Vanquish Swansea

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN brought off a big victory against **SWANSEA TOWN**, and thus drew nearer the safety line, while they kept the Welsh club in the danger zone.

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IT WAS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS, for the Town forwards alternated between periods of sheer brilliance and lackadaisical ineptitude. Not until the last four minutes was the victory assured, and then three goals scored in quick succession determined the day.

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NELSON was the outstanding figure in the Town defence, though **Dolman** did good work. **Finlayson** and **Fellowes** also served their forwards with grand passes, and of the attack **Connelly** often produced wonderful football, but spoilt it by showiness. **Stephenson** was the most consistently dangerous forward.

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AFTER A RAID by the Town the visitors got away and **Fellowes** brought down **Lewis (H.)**, a penalty kick being awarded. This was taken by **Warner**, who shot tamely and straight to **Dolman**, who cleared. Then the Town came back, and in a strong attack **Stephenson** struck the post after an effort by **Vinall** had been repelled.

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THE TOWN PRESSED HOTLY, but failed to control the ball at close quarters and also found difficulty in retaining a foothold when they tried a shot. **Connelly** missed an open goal, and then several corners were forced without success, though **John** made fine saves.

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WHEN SWANSEA ATTACKED **Olsen** shot weakly when he had a fine chance, and there followed a terrific shock attack on the Swansea goal. **John** saved from **Ferguson**, but before he could get the ball away **Roberts** had headed it out of his hands, and in the struggle that followed on the goal line **CONNELLY** forced the ball into the net.

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SWANSEA'S GOAL had further escapes, and then the visitors rallied gamely and gave **Dolman** trouble. He saved splen-

didly two or three times, but in a very bright passing movement the defence was well beaten, and **OLSEN** was left with an easy chance, of which he took full toll to level the scores.

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LUTON were soon attacking again, and a minute before change of ends there was a rush which resulted in another scrimmage in the Swansea goal-mouth, and **STEPHENSON** banged the ball in, a defender trying vainly to knock the ball out with his hand.

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IT WAS NEARLY ALL **LUTON** for a long time in the second half, but the forwards were altogether too slow when they came to grips with the visiting defenders. **John**, however, was in magnificent form, and saved his side again and again with remarkable goalkeeping.

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STEPHENSON, **ROBERTS** AND **CONNELLY** seemed certain to score, but **John** got the ball away with acrobatic leaps and safe handling. At times his judgment was uncanny. Many corners were forced on either wing, but the visitors stuck gamely to their work, and tackled keenly.

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NOW AND THEN **SWANSEA** GOT AWAY, but they did not give **Dolman** a lot of trouble, and spectators were leaving the ground when the goal rush came. The Town left wing stormed through, and **FERGUSON** converted a centre from **Stephenson**. There followed another swift thrust, and **CONNELLY** headed a great goal from **Stephenson's** pass, and with the last effort of the game **FERGUSON** added a fifth goal.

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SWANSEA TOWN	1

LUTON TOWN.—**Dolman**; **King**, **Smith**; **Finlayson**, **Nelson**, **Fellowes**; **Ferguson**, **Connelly**, **Vinall**, **Roberts**, **Stephenson**.

SWANSEA TOWN. — **John**; **Wright**, **Emmanuel (T)**; **Warner**, **Simons**, **Lloyd**; **Lewis (I)**, **Lewis (H)**, **Emmanuel (L)**, **Olsen**, **Lang**.

Referee : **E L Davies**, **Wincanton**.