

LUTON WIN LAST GAME

Merited Victory By All-Round Play

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN 4
Redfern 2, Stephenson, Finlayson.
NEWCASTLE UNITED 1
Park.

LUTON.—Dolman; King, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Ferguson, Redfern, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

NEWCASTLE.—McPhillips; Richardson, Fairhurst; Gordon, Denmark, Grundy; Rogers, Stubbins, Park, Bowden, Pearson.

Referee.—L. Dale, Sheffield.

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LUTON TOWN completed their programme with a handsome win at the expense of Newcastle United, and so managed to complete a double—the first time they had done this during the season. The Town deserved their success because they were the more effective side fore and aft.

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NELSON was prominent in defence, and King and Smith backed him well, and Dolman had an easy afternoon. Finlayson and Fellowes gave their forwards plenty of work, and Stephenson was about the best forward on view, although he was handicapped by injury after the first half-hour. Redfern did exceedingly well at inside-right, but the team, as a whole, showed better understanding and team work than the visitors.

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NEWCASTLE had the better of the game in the opening period, Bowden being in the picture with many clever touches that enabled his colleagues to get going, and often the ball crossed and re-crossed the Town goal, and Dolman had to handle several times.

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DEFENDERS were alert, however, and the smothering tactics on each side were good, though the Town forwards were slow to shoot when chances came their way. As the Town forwards found their stride they harassed the United defence more and more, and gained several corners.

STEPHENSON made brilliant runs, and from his passes shots were tried, but the visitors packed their goal well. However, after a storming attack following a free kick, when Stephenson was heavily charged, two or three hard drives were blocked, but the ball went to STEPHENSON, who scored with a fast, low shot.

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REDFERN was brought down badly just inside the penalty area, but the referee placed the ball dead on the penalty line for the free kick, and Fellowes sent just wide. However, shortly afterwards Fellowes swung over the ball from wide on the left and REDFERN closed in and headed very neatly out of McPhillips' reach, and the Town crossed over leading by two goals.

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THE TOWN pressed hotly on resuming, and Redfern had cleverly piloted the ball past three or four opponents when his feet were swept from under him, again on the penalty line. From the free kick FINLAYSON scored with a grand drive right away from McPhillips.

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PLAY continued to be interesting, the visitors fighting hard to hold the Town attack, and now and then making sallies that compelled Dolman and his backs to keep alive, although they were not often in real trouble. Smith made one great clearance when the visiting left wing broke through.

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STEPHENSON had to retire. For half-an-hour he had been limping badly, and as soon as he had left the visitors attacked. Park struck the upright with a hard shot, and soon afterwards Rogers forced a corner, and from his flag kick PARK shot a nice goal.

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THE TOWN took up the running again, and after many attacks had been repelled, REDFERN outwitted the opposition, and from nearly 20 yards scored with a grand effort, the goalkeeper being helpless. This was the last incident of note.