

Result At West Brom. Did Not Do Luton Justice

Not Much Wrong With Team, But Attack Needs More Punch (By CHILTERN)

WEST BROMWICH 3
Jones (2), Burgin
LUTON TOWN 0

WEST BROMWICH.—Adams; Bassett, Shaw; Sankey, Davies, McNab; Mahon, Heaselgrave, Jones, Burgin, Johnson.

LUTON TOWN.—Dolman; Smith, Dunsmore; Finlayson, Nelson, Loughran; Carroll, Connelly, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.

Referee: H N Mee, Mansfield.

FROM READING THE BARE RESULT OF LUTON TOWN'S VISIT TO WEST BROM, it would appear that they had made a bad start to the season. A 3—0 beating is not usually taken as a happy augury for matches to come, but this was one of those matches in which one side got more than it deserved, and the other a good deal less.

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THE TOWN WERE EVERY BIT AS GOOD as their opponents in all departments. They played football of a similar quality, and had quite as much of the play. The only thing in which the Albion had a pull was in finishing, and it was here that the Town were lacking.

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MORE PUNCH WAS NEEDED IN THE FRONT LINE, but it must be said in the forwards' favour that they did not receive chances of the same type that fell to the Albion. Also the ball did not run in quite the same way, and once or twice they were decidedly unlucky not to score.

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NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS FINISHING POWER that finally turned the scales on the Albion's side. It was a hard game from start to finish, and apart from one period of 15 minutes or so in the first half, the Town were always enjoying an equal share of the play.

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DURING THIS PERIOD the Town defence received as sound a testing as it could have, and it came through with flying colours. The three goals could not definitely be blamed on the defence. One was a well-worked affair, while the other two were of the scrambling sort that one sees in every football match.

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ON THIS SHOWING THE DEFENCE WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT on last season, and Dunsmore seems to be just the back that was needed. He did extremely well on his debut, and compared favourably with any back on the field. Smith did well up to a point, but he and Dunsmore are something of a type, and a back with a little more steadiness would, perhaps, be better.

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NELSON WAS THE "BOSS" IN THE CENTRE OF THE FIELD, and it was not often that Jones found a way through. The centre-forward was a worrier, but Nelson kept a tight grip on him. Finlayson and Loughran were hard workers at wing half, and neither gave much away. The former was more effective in attack, a phase of the game to which Loughran might pay more attention.

DOLMAN SAVED SEVERAL SHOTS that looked certain to find a billet in the net, and played his part manfully in keeping the score sheet clean before the interval. He appeared to make a mistake when the first goal was scored, but the ball was going away from him, and actually he did well to get down to it.



CONNELLY

CONNELLY WAS THE STAR OF THE FRONT LINE, and his clever play was a feature of the game. He had his best match since joining the Town, and on this form will be a decided asset. Carroll received a bad ankle injury 15 minutes before the end, but previously had been none too impressive, although he did better in the second half than before the interval.

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ROBERTS AND STEPHENSON DID NOT GET TOGETHER in quite the old way, and the inside man was not often disposed to hold the ball. He did any amount of work, as usual, and tried hard for a goal. Stephenson put across some good centres, but generally was not at his best. Vinall kept pegging away, and was unlucky to have a goal disallowed in the first half.

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THE FIRST GOAL CAME NINE MINUTES after the interval when Sankey hit the ball right across the field to Johnson, who took it on and centred for JONES to head through. The lead was increased by BURGIN, who was presented with a simple chance after the ball had bobbed about in front of the goal for some time.

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THE NEAREST LUTON CAME TO SCORING was when Stephenson hit the woodwork. A couple of appeals for penalties were unheeded, but the Town made strenuous efforts for a goal, despite the fact that they were a man short. The scoring was completed three minutes from the end when JONES scrambled the ball through following a corner.