

Luton Town

Drop A

Point

'Spurs' Defence Too Strong For Home Attack

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN dropped their first home point on Saturday, when they entertained Tottenham Hotspur. The game was not nearly so enjoyable as the teams have provided in the past, for there were many infringements, and in the first half hour there were a considerable number of free kicks given against the 'Spurs.

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CONDITIONS were not conducive to good play, for rain began to drizzle during the game, and the ball skidded off the turf in disconcerting fashion. However, Luton accepted the gage of the challenges of their opponents, and for most of the game were well on top.

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VINALL missed badly early on, for with Hooper alone to beat, he scraped the ball wide of the target. Offside tactics by the 'Spurs often held up the home forwards, who were slow to adopt the right methods in response. Dolman's best save of the match came when he back-handed a centre from Lyman just before Sargent could reach the ball with his head.

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SEVERAL FREE KICKS were taken by the Town, but they could not make very good use of them, and a number of corner kicks were very badly placed, Ferguson especially failing in this respect. Play became rather on the rough side, and there were free kicks against the Town defenders when they began taking reprisals. Right to the interval the Town held the upper hand, but could make no impression on a solid defence.

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IMMEDIATELY THE GAME was resumed Vinall was prominent with good efforts to break through, but could not get in a shot, and although there were more corner kicks, and Stephenson placed them well, the tall defenders got the ball away.

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DOLMAN was lucky to intercept the ball with his legs once when Lyman broke right through. For a time the 'Spurs persevered, but they were driven back, and the Town dominated play, but the visitors were always dangerous in their raids, particularly Sargent.

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DURING A FIERCE ATTACK by the Town, three corners were forced, and Connelly once headed past Hooper, but Whatley was on the goal-line and headed away just in time. Play then settled in midfield, and whenever a corner was forced at either end, the attacking centre-half rushed up to try and head a goal.

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THE TOWN were the better side right to the end, and the visitors often had to find touch to extricate the defence from difficulty, although Hooper was not often tested, and never severely.

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VINALL was the most sprightly of the Town attack, where the wingers could do very little right. Roberts also did a lot of hard work. Nelson was easily the best defender on the Town side, though his colleagues at half and back did well, but Dolman did not have much work.

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FOR THE 'SPURS, Ward, Whatley and Page defended extremely well, and Buckingham was a clever half-back, while Sargent was the only forward consistently dangerous.

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LUTON TOWN 0
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

LUTON.—Dolman; Smith, Dunsmore; Finlayson, Nelson, Loughran; Ferguson, Connelly, Vinall, Roberts, Stephenson.
TOTTENHAM.—Hooper; Ward, Whatley; Spelman, Page, Buckingham; Sargent, Hall (G.W.), Morrison, Hall (A.E.), Lyman.
Referee: H. N. Mee, Mansfield.