

Brilliant Forward Work By Both Sides At Bury

Whole Course Of The Game Changed In Two Minutes

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LUTON TOWN 5
Billington (2), Stephenson
(2), Redfern

BURY 2
Davies, Ormandy

BURY.—Bradshaw; Gorman, Gemmell; Jones, Matthewson, Whitfield; Kilshaw, Bargh, Davies, Livingstone, Ormandy.

LUTON TOWN.—Coen; Smith, Dunsmore; Finlayson, Nelson, Loughran; Clark, Redfern, Billington, Connelly, Stephenson.

Referee.—E. C. Carnwell, Lichfield.

AT HALF TIME, LUTON TOWN seemed to be heading for their biggest drubbing of the season, for they were two goals down, and were lucky to be let off so lightly. Their rally in the second half was one of those things supporters live for, but see only once in a while.

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THE TOWN SEEM TO BE HESERVING all their best displays for opponents' grounds, and their form in the second half at Gigg-lane dwarfed anything they have done previously this season. They scored five goals, and might well have had double that number, so much were they on top.

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IT WAS ONE OF THOSE GAMES that might well have brought a freak score like 8—6 or 9—7, or something equally absurd, and it really is astonishing that no more than seven goals were scored. From each set of forwards we saw football that was worth going a long way to see.

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BURY HAD THEIR PURPLE PATCH in the first half, and what a patch it was. Everything came off for them in attack except the vital point of building up a sufficiently substantial lead. They got down to business from the first whistle, and Coen had half an hour's normal employment in the first ten minutes.

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THE LUTON INSIDE FORWARDS helped Bury to keep on the offensive by their apparent reluctance to fetch and carry, and by their failure to make a sustained challenge when the home wing halves were in possession. The result was that the Bury forwards were spoon fed.

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TIME AND AGAIN, the Luton defence floundered, and they were continually being drawn out of position. The home forwards played brilliant football, and it was only Coen's super-judgment that kept them at bay for as long as 27 minutes.

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THEN DAVIES PUT THEM AHEAD with a header at which Coen flung himself

unavailing. Five minutes later, **ORMANDY** increased the lead with a great shot that flashed into the far corner, leaving Coen helpless.

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UNTIL THE END OF THE HALF, Bury looked a team likely to get goals, but the whole course of the game was changed in the first two minutes of the second period. Luton resumed with a fire and determination that was completely foreign to their first-half ineptness.

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THE FIRST MOVE DOWN THE FIELD brought a goal, for Connelly sent Stephenson away, and, from the cross, **BILLINGTON** took advantage of a momentary slip by Matthewson to bang the ball past Bradshaw from close range. Direct from the restart, the Town attacked again, and when Bradshaw misjudged a centre from Clark, **STEPHENSON** was left with an opening which he accepted with alacrity.

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AN INJURY TO JONES, who had to be carried off, upset Bury, but Luton were in the ascendancy long before, and goals were always imminent. Jones was able to return to outside-right after an absence of ten minutes. Twenty minutes from the end, **STEPHENSON** put the Town ahead with another great shot after Redfern and Billington had touched on a long clearance by Smith.

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FROM THEN UNTIL THE END, Luton were well on top, and the last eight minutes brought two more goals. **REDFERN** got the first with a grand drive from a pass by Clark, and the right-winger also provided **BILLINGTON** with a chance to bring the total to five. Billington beat two men before finding the net.

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IT WAS A VICTORY in which each member of the team shared more or less equally, but some players must be singled out for extra praise. Coen, in particular, played an outstanding part, and some of his saves bordered on the miraculous. Nelson was the sheet anchor of the defence, which, although run off its feet at times in the first half, stuck to its task gamely.

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FINLAYSON GAVE SOME BEAUTIFUL through-passes, and the most pleasing feature of the work of the attack was the return to form of Stephenson, who played brilliantly in the second half. Both Connelly and Redfern were much more effective after the interval because they changed their tactics, while Billington and Clark continue to fulfil their great promise.