

REDFERN PENALTY GOAL BEATS FOREST

First Real Thrill After 77 Minutes

LUTON TOWN 1 NOTTS FOREST 0

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As was to be expected, Luton Town fielded the side which did so splendidly yesterday.

Notts Forest, however, took the drastic step of making six changes, as will be seen by comparing the team set out here and that given in the report of yesterday's match.

At the Kenilworth-road end the ground seemed fairly dry, but the other end was dotted with pools of water, and before the game had been long in progress the ball began to stick in the mud occasionally.

Right	LUTON TOWN		Left
	Coen		
	King	Dunsmore	
	Finlayson	Dreyer	Roberts
Clark	Redfern	Connelly	Stephenson
	Billington		
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	Crawshaw		
Beaumont	Peacock	McNaughton	Dyson
	Pritty	Davies	Clark
	Munro	McCall	
	Todd		
Left	NOTTS FOREST		Right
	Referee: G. Dutton, Warwick.		

Roberts won the toss, and set Forest to defend the Kenilworth-road end.

The visitors made the first advance, on the left, where Peacock at the second attempt lifted over a centre, which Coen caught.

Redfern initiated a move on the Town right, and he himself got the ball across well, but just too far for Stephenson to take possession.

Then Clark made a very nice run, beating Munro for pace. Todd caught the ball, and apparently crossed the line with it, for a corner was given.

This was well placed, but Pritty cleared.

The Forest were kept on the defensive for some minutes, Clark again being prominent, and when they were getting a move on Crawshaw fouled Dreyer.

The ball stuck in the mud in another effort by the Town, and following a free kick against Dreyer, Munro took a long shot from over 50 yards range, which Coen caught and cleared.

Dunsmore and Roberts got in each other's way, and as a result Crawshaw broke through and shot very well indeed, but the ball passed across the face of goal and wide.

Crawshaw was pulled up for fouling Dreyer. Another Forest attack was held up through the ball sticking in the slush.

Stephenson failed to control a sharp pass from Connelly, and then Dunsmore fouled Crawshaw.

The referee had a word with him. He also had a word with Dyson for a little pettishness over placing the ball for the free kick.

Dreyer got rid of the danger, and

Clark and Billington were prominent, the latter driving the ball a yard wide. Nice work on the Town left brought a centre from Stephenson, the ball being just too high for Billington to connect properly.

Dreyer thwarted another effort, and Dunsmore did likewise, but then attempted to dribble and was robbed. Dyson swung across the goalmouth a hard centre which went just wide.

FOREST MORE AGGRESSIVE

The Forest were playing with much keenness.

Good football was pretty well impossible on this slush, but the Forest were holding their own, and at this stage were rather the more aggressive.

There was danger for the Forest when Finlayson sent a through pass to Billington, but Connelly failed to collect the centre forward's pass.

Coen was applauded for two wonderful saves, and then the Town raced away on the right, but Clark, instead of centring, shot direct into the hands of Todd.

A moment later Stephenson put over a very fine centre, but Billington just failed to connect.

Finlayson and Redfern were prominent in the next move, but Clark again shot straight at Todd.

When the Town came back again, Finlayson again initiating the move, the ball was centred from the left, Billington heading wide.

ON THE LINE

Connelly was tripped and it appeared for a moment as though the referee had given a penalty, but he placed the ball on the penalty line.

Stephenson took the free kick, and shot over the bar. So did Connelly when he took a plug at the dropping ball 30 yards out.

Another hot attack by the Town was repelled by a massed defence, and then a long pass forward was seized by Crawshaw, who dashed between the backs. Roberts made a good recovery, and got the ball away.

The Town's left wing looked like doing some damage, but Stephenson's centre was repelled.

Dreyer was applauded for a fine bit of stopping work, and Crawshaw was again pulled up for offside. McCall then

brought Stephenson over. From the free kick Redfern headed behind.

GOALMOUTH SCRAMBLE

A very good bit of work by Dyson, in which he sent right across to Beaumont, enabled the latter to beat King and centre, and there was a scramble in the Town goalmouth.

King had to retire to have an eye attended to, and play settled in midfield for a spell.

Things looked a bit dangerous for the Forest when Redfern began to dribble through, but he slipped down and McCall cleared.

King returned and headed away when the Forest were becoming dangerous. Connelly was holding the ball too long even with the ground in this condition. The result was that the Forest continually secured it and sent their forwards away with long kicks.

Billington, receiving a header from Redfern, tried a first timer, but it gave Todd no trouble.

Half-time:—

LUTON TOWN		0
NOTTS FOREST		0

On the re-start the Forest went away on the left, but King forced Beaumont out.

The Town replied with a right wing move, and Finlayson lifted the ball right into the goalmouth, but Billington headed over the bar.

Stephenson centred weakly after beating Clark, and a corner followed. Stephenson, however, put the flag kick just behind.

Munro twice intercepted passes by Billington on the right, and then Finlayson sent Clark away.

Billington could not control the pass. Clark secured again, but shot wildly, and the ball went behind.

The Forest had to collect in defence just afterwards, but got the ball away, and the Town had to put in some desperate work.

The referee had a word with McCall for a foul on Connelly, and McCall received a few snowballs.

Although the players were doing their best, the game was comparatively dull.

The Town attacked again on the right, and Billington deftly trapped a centre. There were a lot of free kicks against the Forest, and Dunsmore also came under the ban for tripping Dyson.

GOALS SEEMED UNLIKELY

Coen had to catch a shot from the right, and then to field a long one from Munro, but there seemed little likelihood of a goal from anybody.

Generally, players were just plugging the ball, and if they did hold it, it was usually much too long.

Clark was brought down, but asked for it by holding on too long and dribbling past three men when what was required was a boot into the middle.

Following the free kick there was a rush on the Forest goal, but the ball was headed out, and when Finlayson put in a hard shot it struck Redfern and rebounded to safety.

Crawshaw put his leg round Dunsmore's neck, but the free kick was not well placed by Roberts.

Finlayson beat four men on the mud patch in the middle, and then lost the ball.

A move on the Town left brought a shot from Connelly, and Redfern almost unsighted Todd, but he was given off-side.

Another free kick, this time for hands against the Forest, was sent behind by Finlayson.

TOWN'S BEST EFFORT

Practically the best bit of work by the Town came at this stage, when



CLOSE UP.—A youngster at Luton Infirmary gets a closer view of the Christmas tree, which gave a seasonable touch to one of the wards.

Stephenson and Connelly got through and the ball was sent to the middle.

Billington slipped it to Redfern, who shot for goal at close quarters, but the ball struck a defender and went behind.

This was the narrowest escape so far.

From Clark's flag kick the ball was headed in and struck the goalkeeper, who saved grandly.

Just afterwards, Billington, taking a quick shot, sent the ball behind.

Dyson made a grand effort on the Forest right, but Coen ran out and cleared.

A sudden flash by Stephenson and Billington saw the latter give Clark a grand chance, but he failed completely.

Then Redfern made a bee-line through—a lovely move—and centred, but the ball struck Billington in the face. There was a scramble on the Forest goal-line, and the ball was luckily got away.

REDFERN'S PENALTY GOAL

Then a penalty was given against McCall as he intercepted with his arm a pass from Connelly. REDFERN took the kick and scored with a fast ground shot.

I thought it was rather hard luck, for the Forest had defended gallantly, and it appeared to me as though the ball struck the player rather than that he struck the ball.

There came a fierce rally by the Forest, and the Town goal escaped in extraordinary fashion.

No-one seemed strong enough to clear the ball. Coen and two or three defenders as well as two or three Forest players were on the ground, and efforts were made to bang the ball in. It struck defenders and was eventually cleared.

There was another thrill at the other end, when Redfern and Billington tore through, but neither could drag the ball through the mud, and when Stephenson got it he miskicked and McCall cleared.

The Town right came again, and Clark forced a corner off Munro, but the ball was got away. Another corner was forced by Redfern off Munro. The flag kick was cleared.

A free kick was given against Beaumont for fouling King. Stephenson put

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