

Luton Held Liverpool Till Near End

Liverpool 3, Luton 0

ALTHOUGH they never gave up trying, Luton found the home men a little too hot for them in the Cup clash at Liverpool.

But it was not until near the end that Liverpool were able to find scoring loopholes. Luton gave a good account of themselves in the early stages on a ground made very heavy after the overnight thaw.

Billington tested Kemp with a strong low shot, and the goalkeeper also made a fine save from the Luton centre, who later shot wide.

Billington almost scored when he beat Kemp in a race for the ball, but Harley headed away from an empty goal.

Luton were often quicker on the ball than Liverpool, and Stephenson broke through three times without, however, being able to get in his shot.

Goal Follows Free Kick

Fagan went close for Liverpool on resuming, and at the other end Billington twice tested Kemp, the 'keeper making a fine save on the second occasion.

In fifty-two minutes, Liverpool took the lead through Balmer, who headed through from a free kick taken by Nieuwenhuys from right on the penalty line. The second goal came through Paterson, who netted after Coen had pushed out Taylor's centre.

Then, after Billington had missed a great chance for Luton by placing over the bar from close in, Balmer scored again for Liverpool less than a minute from the end from Nieuwenhuys's centre.