

Luton Flattered

S.P. 19/3/39
West Ham 0, Luton 1

HANDICAPPED by the loss of Morton, who was carried off ten minutes before the interval with a wrenched knee, West Ham nevertheless put up a grand fight before going down by 0—1 to Luton at Upton Park.

Although they won by only one goal Luton were distinctly flattered by the result, for the home side played much better football.

West Ham attacked almost continuously in the second half and the goal which gave Luton an undeserved victory came from a break-away.

Stephenson, receiving a through pass from Roberts, centred to Redfern who, unmarked in the goalmouth, beat Medhurst with ease.

Relentless tackling by the Luton backs, and their clever manipulation of the off-side rule prevented West Ham from wiping out their arrears, and Foxall, taking over the leadership, was no more successful than Small in his efforts to break through.

Luton were without their usual centre forward, Billington, but Vinall, his deputy, made full use of his opportunities.

Stephenson and Redfern also put in useful work in the visiting attack and Dreyer, King and Dunsmore were excellent in defence.

For West Ham the two backs and Walker (R.), half centre, were the most reliable players.