

Luton Town's Easter Egg Was Full

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**Six Second
Division
Points
Collected**



HUGH BILLINGTON

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**Right In
The
Promotion
Struggle**
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Luton Town have advanced their prospects of promotion in a manner that has evoked the admiration of their supporters. To-day it is patent that if they can manage to sustain the brilliant standard of the holiday games they may well depose one of the more fancied candidates, and at least take the second place in the table at the final count.

This is not a moment to exaggerate their opportunities or to belittle their chances, but I am led to the belief that the great improvement in the weather, and the consequent firmness of the grounds has been to their advantage, and if we have a continuance of this weather the prospects of achieving an ambition that has been consistently denied by supporters for months past will be enhanced.

There can be no question whatever that in the three games this Easter the Town have displayed a quality that is good enough for the First Division. The football has been extremely clever; the team work has been grand; determination has been allied to skill in the scientific phases, and that is why they have now attained a position that is a direct challenge to the leading clubs of the Division.

The great question is whether they can maintain that standard, and time alone can prove that, but if they can win, or even avoid defeat at Chesterfield on Saturday, then they will have further stabilised their position, so that the last three games will find the team fighting for the highest honour in League football.

On Friday and Saturday they showed magnificent combination, and although there were a few flutters before Fulham were overcome, the difference between the teams on the run of play was just as strikingly marked in the second as in the first game.

At Southampton on Monday, despite the effects of the two previous games, the team rose to great heights again, and it was really this third consecutive success that hall-marked their prospects.

In Sports Chat is given the various games that have to be played by the leading clubs, and there is no reason why the Town should not continue their sequence, although as previously pointed out there is not the slightest advantage in minimising the difficulties or in exalting the possibilities.

CRUSADER

Southampton Swamped

(By CRUSADER)

AT LUTON ON FRIDAY

LUTON TOWN 6

Billington (3), Redfern (2)
Connelly

SOUTHAMPTON 2

Tomlinson, Bevis

LUTON TOWN.—Coen; King, Duns-
more; Finlayson, Dreyer, Roberts; Carroll,
Redfern, Billington, Connelly, Stephenson.

SOUTHAMPTON. — Warhurst; Perfect,
Emmanuel; Parkin, Chalk, Brophy; Bevis,
Bates, Tomlinson, Briggs, Hill.

Referee.—L. Brown, Barnes.

Friday's game was something of a con-
trast in styles. The Town found plenty
of trouble before they settled down, as
Southampton showed up as they usually
do, in the hard, fast and open style. They
had few players who attempted clever
work, though their leader, Tomlinson,
could use his feet as well as his shoulders,
and his "bull-rushes" in the early stages
often threatened to upset the equilibrium
of the Town defence.

However, once the Town forwards had
settled down and mastered the defensive
methods of the visitors, they gave the
defence a gruelling time, and in the
quarter of an hour before the change of
ends, they scored four goals as the result
of fast and stylish combination. In addi-
tion, Warhurst saved numerous shots that
were right on the mark, and he averted
a much heavier defeat.

CONNELLY had given the Town the
lead with a prettily-worked goal after six
minutes, but the crowd went wild with
joy in the stretch just before half-time,
when BILLINGTON, REDFERN (penalty),
BILLINGTON and REDFERN scored in that
order, and there were three or four other
shots that were saved in splendid style by
Warhurst.

CONSOLATION FOR "SAINTS"

BILLINGTON added to his tally two
minutes after the resumption, after Con-
nelly had chased a ball to the right wing
and then put across a perfect centre, but
that was the end of the Town's scoring,
and one could almost say the end of the
efforts to score, for the forwards dropped
their keenness and we had a lot of close
play that would not bring goals.

Moreover, the defence became less alert,
and as a result, TOMLINSON beat Coen
because the goalkeeper was not prepared
for a sudden shot from near the touch-line,
though the ball swerved a good deal, and
later, the same player made an opening
for BEVIS to score. Southampton never
ceased trying, and they very nearly scored
again twice before the end, and some of
the gloss was taken off the Town's victory
by these lapses.