

At Luton On Monday

LUTON TOWN 6
SOUTHAMPTON 0

LUTON TOWN. — Mayberry; Carte, Lutterloch; Smith, Strathie, Gardiner; Ferguson, Stevens, Vinall, Gager, Burgess.
SOUTHAMPTON. — Bates (A); Cutting, Cummings; King, Chalk, Smith; Kelly, Bates (E), Browning, Bowden, Laney.

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LUTON RESERVE made amends for their defeat at Brighton when they beat SOUTHAMPTON RESERVES easily. They were much the better team, and it was only rarely that the Southampton attack was seen. With a little more steadiness in front of goal, Luton might have reached double figures.

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THE TOWN WERE SOON ON THE MOVE, and Bates had to save twice in quick succession from Vinall, and then from Burgess. The next raid brought a goal: nice work on the right enabled VINALL to shoot through, Bates having no chance.

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ATTACKS ON BOTH SIDES were held up by offside, and then Vinall worked an opening for Gager, whose shot was just too high. Ferguson was giving the Southampton defence plenty of trouble, and from a centre by him, Burgess forced a corner. This was not cleared, and Vinall sent across from the left. Stevens and FERGUSON went for the ball together, and the latter forced it through.

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LUTON REMAINED on top. Vinall hit the post, and Gager also went near. Mayberry's first real job was when Kelly raced through and swung a cross-pass to Laney, but with only Mayberry to beat he fell. After a long spell of pressure, the Town went further ahead when Ferguson gathered the ball from a throw-in and swung it across. GAGER trapped the ball, and coolly shot from longish range well out of Bates's reach.

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AFTER THE CHANGE-OVER the Town were soon in command again, and a raid on the left was held up, but the ball was returned, and GAGER gained possession and shot through. Lutterloch came to the rescue when Browning broke through, and then cleared a corner which looked threatening.

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THE HALVES were rendering great service to their forwards, and SMITH was often up with them. He scored the fifth goal when he gathered a loose ball on the half-way line and went on to beat Bates with a fine ground shot. A few minutes later GAGER completed his "hat-trick" with an unstoppable shot.

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SOUTHAMPTON NEVER gave up trying, and they had a go on the right. Two or three shots were fired in, and Kelly hit the post. Smith was once again in the picture with one of his long shots, but this time hit the far post with Bates helpless.

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THE TOWN DEFENCE was very steady, and never looked like conceding goals. The forwards played very well; Gager in particular, apart from his three goals, did a lot of fetching and carrying.