



HATTERS WIN

LUTON INSPIRED BY FIRST GOAL

NEWPORT C. v. LUTON T.

DUNCAN played his first game for Luton to-day. He found Newbold a keen tackler, but later pleased 10,000 spectators with a series of fascinating dribbles.

Newport: Bakewell; Newbold and Oldham; Kabrie, Rawcliffe and Wilcox; Wilkie, Carr, Craddock, Mogford and Hinge.

Luton: Bywater; Lake and Beach; Daniel, Brice and Soo; Waugh, Duggan, Billington, Driver and Duncan.

Referee: G. Reader (Southampton).

Luton defenders were shaky under pressure and Lake, on one occasion, almost let Hinge through. Luton had an anxious five minutes during which Newport forced four corners in quick succession, but Bywater saved the day each time.

On a heavy ground, Luton were slow to settle down and their passes were badly distributed. When Duggan raced away he found no one in support, and his centre was wasted.

Once, Billington shot wide, though generally Bakewell was rarely troubled.

HATTERS OUTPLAYED

Luton's half-backs were weak and could not check Newport's lively forwards. For fully 20 minutes Luton were outplayed, but they were saved by Bywaters' fine goalkeeping.

In the 28th minute Luton found themselves a goal in arrears. They could not complain at that state of affairs. Beach and Lake failed to position themselves efficiently and CARR, seizing his chance, rushed through to score from 20 yards. The reverse stung Luton to greater response.

CRACKING PACE

Straight from the restart their attack went away at a cracking pace. Billington and Duggan worked in close harmony and their skilful inter-passing outflanked the Newport defenders.

Finally DUGGAN sent in a shot which Bakewell just failed to grasp.

That equalising goal spurred Luton to greater things. Their forwards, among whom Driver, Billington and Duggan were always prominent, showed plenty of dash and skill and had it not been for Bakewell they would have taken the lead.

The heavy ground was a big handicap. The players had great difficulty in keeping their feet and chances went astray in front of both goals.

Beach was injured just before half-time but he pluckily resumed. Just on time Driver fired wide. Half-time:

Newport County 1
Luton Town 1

Luton showed great improvement in the second half and they deservedly took the lead in the 60th minute. DANIELS, their right-half was the scorer.

So great was Luton's superiority at this stage that the Luton half-backs were able to join their forwards in assault on the Newport goal.

Daniels' goal followed interpassing between Ward and Billington. Luton continued to outplay Newport but they were foiled by the tackling of Newbold and Oldham.

Luton forced several corners and from one of them DUGGAN in-