

Manager Arrived In Time To See Unlucky Ending

By Chiltern

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 2

Cox, Dix

LUTON TOWN 1

Duggan

Not until the closing minutes did George Martin, the Town manager, reach White Hart-lane on Saturday, and then he had the mortification of seeing a Luton goal disallowed and the 'Spurs scoring the decider from a free kick.

"Perhaps it would have been better if I had stayed away," said George, who had taken the opportunity to have a look at a player on another London ground.

That, however, was not the sum total of the Town's bad luck in this match, and there is no doubt that they should certainly not have come away without some sort of reward.

Indeed, there seemed no danger of them being beaten, for with the score at 1-1, time was flying fast and the Town looked the more likely to obtain the winner.

Then came one of those incidents which can swing a team's fortunes in a twinkling. After being pushed and he'd by Rundle, Gager retaliated by bringing down the centre-forward.

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From the free kick a few yards outside the penalty area, DIX placed the ball so well that it entered the net off the inside of the post with Streten out of position.

There were only five minutes to go when that happened, and the Town could not rally sufficiently to level the scores again. They obtained their first equaliser through DUGGAN, after 25 minutes of the first half. He took a beautiful pass from Soo to beat Ditchburn.

That neutralised a goal from COX who headed in a Stevens centre when the game was only eight minutes old.

Almost throughout, the Town played the superior brand of football, but the main fault was in their finishing. Had that been stronger, there would have been a tremendous victory to record.

Despite this, had their shooting met with normal luck, they would have been in a strong position long before the end. The long reach of Ditchburn foiled them on several occasions when shots seemed to be winners.

RE-MODELLED LINE

DID WELL

The Town's re-modelled forward line played some brilliant football, with Connelly occupying the role of schemer. Duncan justified his inclusion, and Waugh and Duggan showed good understanding, which would have been more effective had their finishing been better. Billington was again out of luck and found few openings.

Strength at half-back was a big factor in the Town's bright display, and Soo stood out for the quality of his constructive play. Both Gager and Gardiner were in their best form.

Cooke and Beach had some uncertain moments, but it was good to see the latter come through without ill-effects to his ankle. Streten added to the reputation he has gained for daring and fine anticipation, but he was deceived by the shot which meant defeat for the Town.

TOTTENHAM H.. — Ditchburn; Willis, Buckingham; Ludford, Nicholson, Burgess; Cox, Bennett, Rundle, Dix, Stevens.

LUTON TOWN.—B. Streten; Cooke Beach; Soo, Gager, Gardiner; Waugh, Duggan, Billington, Connelly, Duncan.

Referee: F. S. Milner, Wolverhampton.

Attendance, 36,163.