

Coventry Dashed Town's Hopes Of Flying Start

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COVENTRY CITY	4
Lowrie (4)	
LUTON TOWN	1
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The Town's hopes of a flying start to the season were firmly and completely dashed at Coventry on Saturday when a big following of Luton supporters watched the City romp home to a comfortable victory.

Only for a spell of about 10 minutes at the beginning of the second half did the Town really promise to save a point. At this stage the score stood at 2—1, and a goal then might have swung the game in their favour.

The much-needed success did not arrive, and, indeed, rarely looked likely, for the Town forwards were never the same dangerous force as were those of the City.

Man of the match was Lowrie, Welsh international centre-forward, who helped himself to all four goals. The Town defence could never subdue him, and Gager was usually too busy trying to stop leaks elsewhere to give him the undivided attention that was needed.

DEFENCE DRAWN OUT OF POSITION

With both Soo and Gardiner below their best form, and mostly unable to hold the City inside men, who were aided and abetted by the strong play of Don. Dearson, the Town defence was often drawn out of position.

This threw extra responsibility on to Lake, Gager and Hughes, who could not turn the tide.

Generally, the Town attack did not impress as likely to produce a crop of goals. Pretty, short passing, but little punch, were the main features of their play, and these tactics did not cause the strong City defence much anxiety.

Billington was easily held by Mason (G.), and both Driver and Connelly held the ball too long. Duncan was the pick of the line, and he got the ball into the middle far more often than did Waugh on the opposite wing.

LOWRIE'S first goal came after 11 minutes, and was followed by another 16 minutes later. DRIVER reduced the arrears five minutes from the interval with a header from Duncan's perfect centre.

The match was finally decided 18 minutes after the resumption, when LOWRIE completed a "hat

trick," and his fourth came with only six minutes remaining.

COVENTRY CITY. — Wood; Tooze, Mason (R.); Snape, Mason (G.), Dearson; Simpson, Barratt, Lowrie, Roberts, Ashall.

LUTON TOWN.—B. Streten; Lake, Hughes; Soo, Gager, Gardiner; Waugh, Driver, Billington, Connelly, Duncan.