

Record Luton Crowd Had No Goals To Cheer

By Chiltern

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Defences triumphed over two weak-finishing forward lines in this latest meeting of these old rivals at Kenilworth-road.

Yet despite the ascendancy which the defences achieved, there was a number of narrow escapes at each end, and this match might easily have produced a crop of goals.

The struggle was as fast and as stern as anyone could have wished, and the record crowd of 26,490 waited tensely for the goals to come. Before the end they had turned the cheers they were reserving for the elusive successes, into loud vocal support for the Town in their efforts to snatch the winner.

Yet, no matter how much pressure the Town put on in the closing minutes, the 'Spurs defence held firm. There were times when a way was found through, but what chances fell to the forwards were wasted.

PROMISE OF BRENNAN

More forward changes by the Town failed to achieve the desired object of bringing punch at close quarters, but Brennan, although his debut was along quiet lines, did sufficient to convince the more discerning of his great promise for the near future.

This lack of finishing power has now reached epidemic proportions, and even taking into account the bad luck which attended efforts from Billington, Duncan, Soo and Owen, the line never looked a real goal-scoring formation.

Billington made more shots than anybody else, but was handicapped by having to battle single-handed on many occasions, and, to make matters worse, usually received the ball in the air.

As soon as the Town begin to find the goalward path again, points will come along, for the defence is first-rate and was seldom in real trouble against the 'Spurs forwards.

Duquemin was dangerous occasionally, but Gager was usually there to cope with his rushes. Soo and Owen were indefatigable, and Cooke and Hughes a solid pair of backs.

Behind them was Streten, ever ready to leave his goal, and, at times, almost as good as a second centre-half to the Town. He saved the situation more than once by his prompt anticipation.

LUTON TOWN: B Streten; Cooke, Hughes; Soo, Gager, Owen; Waugh, Daniel, Billington, Brennan, Duncan.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Ditchburn; Tickridge, Buckingham; Nicholson, Woodward, Burgess; Cox, Jordan, Duquemin, Bennett, Stevens.