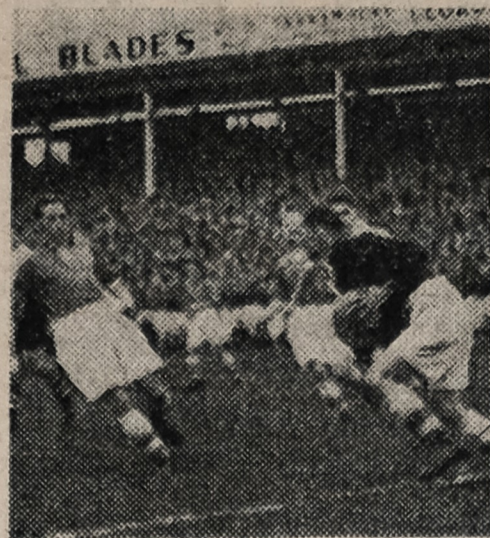


FOREST BREAK RUN OF ILL-LUCK

WALKER IN ACTION



Forest's goalkeeper gathering a shot during a determined Luton attack at the City ground to-day.

Lineker's Part in the "Reds'" Success

AN interesting fact concerning Forest's game with Luton was that Billy Wragg, who assisted the "Reds" to win the Cup just over 50 years ago, was an honoured guest of the committee.

He had the pleasure of seeing Linaker score what was only the second goal registered for Forest at the City Ground this season, Lee followed with one and they obtained their second home success.

When Nottingham Forest last entertained Luton at the City Ground, the visitors were successful, and two of the men who helped to bring this about were Gager and Ottewell, who this afternoon turned out against their former colleagues.

In fact, Gager, in the continued absence of McCall, captained Forest, who, for the second time this season, were able to boast an unchanged team.

This meant that Edwards, so successful at centre-forward against Queen's Park Rangers, retained the problem position. Included in the visitors' eleven was Streten, the former amateur international goalkeeper, who has played for Notts. County.

Nottingham Forest. — Walker; Thomas, Hutchinson; Elliott, Gager, Morley; Linaker, Johnson, Edwards, Ottewell, Lee.
Luton. — Streten; Wilson, Cooke; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Shanks, Brennan, Arnison, Duggan, Waugh.

Referee: F. S. Milner, Wolverhampton.

About 20,000 people saw Gager lose the toss, but, although the visitors had the benefit of a strong breeze, it was the "Reds" who set up the first strong attack.

Edwards tried to send Linaker through, but the wing man was overwhelmed by force of numbers and Hall cleared. Then Ottewell had a shot well saved by Streten, whose clearance led to the first threat to the Forest goal.

Duggan, chasing a ball which appeared to be going dead, delivered a smart drive which found Walker watchful.

Linaker got away on the right, but with his inside forwards in position his centre was too strong and a great opportunity was lost.

Waugh made a great opening for Duggan, but the inside-left shot far too hurriedly when well placed and the ball soared over the cross bar.

Far more effective was an individual effort by Brennan, who, shooting from 25 yards' range, saw the ball beat Walker but travel narrowly over.

FOREST ATTACKING.

After a quiet spell Forest returned to the attack through Lee who took advantage of a good pass from Hutchinson to race down the wing.

The winger finished with an inviting looking centre, but as Linaker tore in to meet it, Cooke got there first, concealing a corner in the process.

Luton impressed as the smarter combination and Arnison was next prominent. Beating a defender he released a terrific right foot shot which Walker was glad to knock up and clear at the second attempt.

The home right wing was not moving too smoothly, a mistake by Linaker halting another attack at the crucial moment.

Forest took the lead in twenty-four minutes with a peculiar goal only the second scored by them at the City Ground this season.

Johnson, who had been contributing some useful passes endeavoured to

set LINAKEE going and as Streten tore from his goal, Hall kicked the ball hard against the body of the Forest winger.

It trickled goalwards and with forwards and defenders in hot pursuit entered the net to put Forest in front.

The "Reds," a trifle fortunate to gain this advantage, almost went further ahead shortly afterwards. Lee cleverly tricked Wilson and put the ball to the unmarked Edwards whose strong left-foot drive brought a great save from Streten.

LEE AT HIS BEST.

Lee on the left wing was having his best game for a long time and Wilson was finding it difficult to hold him.

The finishing of the visitors was deplorably weak and when a foul was given against Ottewell in mid-field, Cooke's kick should have been turned to better account.

As it was, with a home defence shaken, the ball was placed wide by Arnison.

At the other end, Johnson was allowed to go on, but when challenged in the act of shooting, placed well wide.

"REDS" FORTUNATE.

Luton nearly equalised in their next attack, for when Waugh got in a shot, Brennan deflected it out of the reach of Walker, but luckily for the "Reds" Thomas was on the goal-line to kick clear.

The home wing half-backs were again playing strongly, and from a move started by Elliott, Edwards placed the ball into the net, but the whistle had gone for offside. HALF-TIME:

NOTTM. FOREST 1
LUTON 0

The game had not been resumed more than a minute when the "Reds" had the crowd roaring. Edwards and Lee made an opening for Johnson and the inside-right responded nobly with a shot which flashed just outside the upright. Then Walker had to go down to clear from the feet of the Luton forwards.

Forest should have had another goal after this, however, for Linaker was put through, but when challenged by the advancing Streten pulled the ball well wide of goal.

The youngster showed plenty of dash, however, and it was a pity that his mistakes should be such vital ones.

With Gager breaking up Luton attacks regularly, the home side began to enjoy the better of matters and they attacked strongly on the left. Lee put in an effective spell of work, and when he swept the ball across to Linaker, that player responded with a centre which saw the ball driven against the goalkeeper's legs by Edwards.

Both sides had missed opportunities, but it was an exciting game which pleased the crowd, and next Thomas's head was well employed in diverting a shot by Shanks, after a clearance had rebounded from a Forest defender.

Forest made strong appeals for a penalty when Johnson had a shot

charged down in the area, but the referee refused them.

However, they received some satisfaction when LEE scored in the next advance after 64 minutes.

The winger received splendid support from Edwards who put the ball into an open space. Lee raced on to the pass, and although Streten left his charge the ball was coolly placed into the back of the net.

GOAL DISALLOWED.

Forest again had the ball in the net after 79 minutes, when Ottewell beat Streten with a shot which appeared to pass through the goal-keeper's legs, but to the amazement of the crowd, what appeared a perfectly good goal was disallowed for some infringement.

The game continued with Forest in command. In a spasmodic breakaway Arnison made a chance for Duggan, the danger being cleared at the expense of a corner-kick. RESULT:

NOTTM. FOREST 2
LUTON 0

SCORE SHEET:

24 min. Linaker for Forest 1—0

64 min. Lee, for Forest 2—0

Official Attendance 22,645.