

Crippled Luton Nearly Did



Their Halves Hold The Gunners

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IF Arsenal triumph at Wembley in May they can count their win at Luton as their fortunate day. Not until well into the second half did they shape like winners.

Luton had shaken them with a goal in the eighth minute, and until Freddie Cox equalised, almost an hour later, the Gunners were struggling. Once they had equalised, however, they recovered their lost confidence and for the first time got on top.

Luton were handicapped in the second half. Sid Owen damaged his ankle early, then right-winger Roy Davies fractured his ankle. He will be out for about two months.

Luton played splendidly at the start. Their first goal was a brilliant effort by Bernard Moore, who lived full length to head Mitchell's centre past Swindin.

This gave Luton heart, and there were spells when the usually solid Arsenal defence looked none too safe.

Two Near-Misses

Twice Moore nearly increased the lead. Once he got right through, but Swindin came out and threw himself at the centre-forward's feet to gather the ball.

The Arsenal forwards could not get going at all in the first half. They missed the inspiration of Jimmy Logie, and Milton and Lishman could not elude Morton and Watkins, Luton's wing halves.

Tom Whittaker was obviously not satisfied with his attack, for there was a complete reshuffle after the interval, and Milton went on the

right wing, Goring to inside right, Roper to centre forward, and Cox to outside left.

The move was a success for it brought an equaliser after 16 minutes. It came from Freddie Cox, who crashed the ball past Streten from an almost impossible angle. That was the turning point.

The End In Sight

After 30 minutes Cox scored a second goal, and three minutes later Milton got the third after Cox had made the opening.

Luton were not beaten, and reduced their arrears from a penalty for hands, Mitchell scoring.

Afterwards Arsenal held out without much trouble against the handicapped home attack.

Luton at least shared the honours. Streten, Owen, and Watkins were the stars in defence, and Mitchell and Moore the best forwards.

For Arsenal the outstanding figure was veteran Joe Mercer, who kept a close watch on Luton's Taylor and always used the ball to good advantage. In attack Cox was the danger man.



Bernard Moore sets the Luton crowd wild as he opens the scoring in the Arsenal Cup-tie with a perfectly headed goal. Moore (extreme right of picture) shoots out his left arm as he heads safely past George Swindin, Arsenal goalkeeper, half hidden by post, and gets the ball into the top corner of the net.