

LUTON COULD WIN CUP ON THIS FORM

BOLTON 1, LUTON 2 57/58

WILLIE MOIR, Stockport County manager, returned to his old home ground—he played for Bolton—to spy on Luton, Stockport's third round Cup opponents on January 4. Moir no doubt will report back that Luton have a slick side—good enough, yes, to win the Cup.

It was a triumph for Luton to take the lead five minutes after the interval. For they faced a shock start. The game was two minutes old when Bolton's right-half Derek Hennin took a pass from Nat Lofthouse and tried a snap shot from 20 yards.

Ron Baynham made only a token attempt to check the dipping flight of the ball and it went into the net.

Bolton looked headed for a field day during the next 10 minutes. Yet Luton gradually took control. Their half-backs kept up a steady service to their eager forwards.

From a short pass across the goal, long John Groves scooped the equaliser past Hopkinson with the greatest of ease.

Luton's winner was a clear example of the firm link between half-backs and forwards—though goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson gave them a spot of assistance.

Groves pushed the ball out to right-winger Jimmy Adam and after making ground, Adam slipped the ball inside to right-half Bob Morton.

Morton's shot was only half-gathered by Hopkinson and Gordon Turner was there to stab the ball home.

★ MERIT MARKS (max. 10 pts.).
—Bolton 6, Luton 8; referee, M. McCoy (Doncaster), 8.

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