

Ice-cool Luton get a double

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BOLTON W. 1, LUTON T. 2

LUTON TOWN are the first team to chalk up a double over Bolton Wanderers this season, and well did they deserve the honour at Burn-den Park yesterday.

The lesson Bolton Wanderers must learn from this game is that brawn must be secondary to brains.

It was skill in control, combined with an ice-cool defence, which brought Luton victory.

Bolton appeared to play without any sort of plan afield, and yet they had the incentive of a goal scored from the first shot of the match by Hennin—a 25 yard—in the second minute.

The man who put the skids under Bolton was Owen. He was always calm, cool and collected and he played Lofthouse as well as

Lofthouse has been played this season.

As in defence, Luton Town moved with skill and method, with Turner getting his 20th goal in his 22 games this season, a goal which put Luton into the lead and which augmented a goal by Groves 10 minutes after the start.

A slick summary of the match would read Bolton 70 per cent attacking, 70 per cent shooting and yet they lost. Reason: forward inefficiency and lack of attacking ideas.

MATCH POINT: Bolton will not win matches until their forwards play more skilfully in possession and move ahead instead of square. That was the cause of their clogging up the forward works. On this form Luton will menace the best and could prove an ideal cup team. Their teamwork is tops.

Double for smart Luton

Bolton1 Luton2

THIS was a Luton double over Bolton, whose forwards showed a woeful lack of understanding.

In contrast to the Luton front line, Bolton's individualism and haphazard attacks were of little avail against a smart-covering defence in which Sid Owens practically blotted out Nat Lofthouse.

Bolton did manage to create dangerous situations, but always there was Ron Baynham to prevent the ball being driven home.

Baynham gave a stout performance, which earned the admiration of the 16,754 crowd. He showed excellent anticipation and daring.

Faulty pass

He was in real difficulty only twice during the match. The first occasion was in the second minute when right-half Dick Wharton made a faulty pass which resulted in Derek Hennin scoring from nearly 30 yards.

The only other time Baynham was beaten was when a Stevens centre dropped on to the cross-bar and the ball went for a goal kick.

The Luton attack often had the Bolton defence worried, harrying them into many mistakes, but only two of these proved vital.

The Bolton defence failed to intercept a ground pass from Turner and Groves scored in the 11th minute. In the 50th minute a ground pass from Morton beat the defence and Turner scored.

Groves was unlucky not to claim a second goal for himself with a shot that hit the underside of the bar and rebounded into play.