

No one worried about result

Nottingham Forest 3 Luton 1

RATINGS.—Skill: Forest 9, Luton 8. Entertainment 10.
Sportsmanship 9. Control 9.

THE idealist may challenge one or two of the ratings here; was it really perfect entertainment? Did Jeff Whitefoot do nothing wrong? Let him do so! Thirty thousand fans, used to good football, will brush him aside and ask: What more could you want?

It was a contest of such high quality that the goals were incidental.

Praise Forest's Jeff Whitefoot for his impeccable work, his colleagues Jack Burkitt and Bobby McKinlay for near equality, and Bill Whare for winning many a stirring duel with Jimmy Adam.

And on the Luton side, applaud Gordon Turner for his punch, Alan Brown for his

speed and enterprise, George Cummins for his ball control, and Bob Morton for his thrust and skill.

It was Soccer at its cleanest and best, with the result an item of minor importance.

GOALS.—Forest: Gray (3min.), Dwight (48), Wilson (81). Luton: Turner (24).

FOREST: Thomson 8; Whare 9. McDonald 8; Whitefoot 10. McKinlay 8. Burkitt 8; Dwight 7. Quigley 7. Wilson 8. Baily 6. Gray 8.

LUTON: Marsh 6; Dunne 7. Hawkes 7; Morton 8. Owen 8. Pacey 7; Bingham 8. Turner 8. Brown 7. Cummins 8. Adam 7.

"On the whole, Luton were generally playing second fiddle, but never gave up fighting. In fact, they were always in the game with a chance until, under relentless pressure and baffled by quick switching of the home forwards, even their immaculate defence showed signs of wilting."
—*Sunday Dispatch*."

"Whether it is superstition or skill, Luton skipper Sid Owen will endorse any praise for Wilson. Owen marshalled his defence brilliantly, but found Wilson, Quigley and Dwight too sprightly in the second half."
—*Daily Express*."

"Luton lost some of their edge in the second half, and the home attack, responding brilliantly to some fine prompting by Whitefoot, regained control. . . . Although they continued to play thoughtful football, Luton lost a lot of punch and repeatedly fell into the off-side trap."
—*Sunday Express*."

"Luton hall-marked this game by craft in the centre and incisive progress near goal. Forest replied with a brand of football some of their fans have not seen for many a day. Where then was the difference that made the score? In Luton's goal Eddie Marsh had a nightmare of a game."
—*The People*."

"If Luton manager Dally Duncan leaves for Blackburn this week, he will remember his last trip with the club. True, they were beaten—but only after a near-classic duel of cut and thrust stuff."
—*News of the World*."

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