

Three Goals Come When Goodwin Takes Control

Manchester United ... 4 Luton Town 1

IT began to look as if Manchester United would never achieve the rhythm of which they are capable against Luton. For 70 minutes they did so much for so little reward, until Goodwin began to distribute the ball as it should be distributed and the sound Luton defence—and it was always good—began to wilt.

To crown a fine display, Goodwin, United's right half, scored the best goal of the match with a hard 25-yard rising drive which left the Luton goalkeeper, Baynham helpless by its power and accuracy.

A 20-minute spell brought United three goals they long had promised.

Luton were completely outplayed in a first half so one-sided that only the indifferent finishing of the United forwards kept the score down to a goal scored by Quixall, who in the 22nd minute flung himself full length to head into the net a centre from Bradley.

This was poor reward for much endeavour, although the football was not precise enough to beat a Luton rearguard that was solid and dominant without being clever.

Lucky Goal

It needed a lucky equaliser—and lucky it was—to make United bestir themselves. Gregg had a shot from Grove well covered as he went low, but when he tried to grasp the ball it hit a bump on the turf and struck him in the face to rebound to the waiting Kilgannon.

This was the incentive that the struggling Luton needed, and for a time they attacked more strongly, but it was only because of the power of their wingers, Bingham and Gregory, for their inside men were never forceful enough.

Luton's chances disappeared as Goodwin took control of the centre of the field, probing first the left and then the right to find the weakness.

He sent Viollet away to score United's second goal with a diagonal drive from the right wing, in the 68th minute, scored the third himself in the 74th and was always there in the goalmouth ready to pounce.

While Goodwin had an excellent match, Charlton struggled to find his old touch.

Nothing went right for him. He

missed one glorious chance through hesitancy and when through, with only Baynham to beat, in the closing minutes, shot powerfully and straight at the goalkeeper, who was unable to hold the drive. Viollet was on hand to head it into the net from short range.