

# WELL DESERVED WIN ON RUN OF PLAY

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LUTON TOWN 1, BOURNEMOUTH 0

A GOAL, 17 minutes from the end from the penalty spot — just about the only route by which it seemed likely that one would arrive — gave the Town maximum points at home for the second time in four days.

It was a well-deserved victory on the run of the play because Bournemouth, considering their high position, were disappointing.

Their approach to the game is rugged, and they relied heavily on the strong, hard tackling which seems to be a feature of the Third Division. In approach, the Town played better football, but, unfortunately, their forwards showed little punch or decision in front of goal.

Too many attacks broke down before the penalty area was reached and too high a proportion of shots that were made were snuffed off defenders.

Bournemouth's tall robust defence continually packed their penalty area, and the Town found extreme difficulty in finding a way through.

At times in the first half the match threatened to develop into a real rough-house, and Pacey had his name taken—harshly, I thought—when he went up to a high ball and fell on the back of Singer, and there seemed more justification for "booking" Pacey when he fouled McKechnie.

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However, the referee's action did have the effect of calming things down a bit, and although there was never other than a doubtful struggle, it was not quite so rough in the second half.

The match seemed to be petering out to an inevitable goalless draw when McKechnie was felled down in the penalty area by Standley, and SALISBURY, taking his first penalty for the club, blasted the ball past Best. Most satisfactory feature of the Town's display was their defence, which is now a more compact, better covering combination, and this was their second consecutive blank sheet. Outstanding again was Mot-

liantly at right-back, and there was strong, effective work from Fincham, who is now looking a much better player than in the earlier matches.

It was a reflection of the ability of the forwards that the best shots came from Pacey, who was more effective than Lownds, who seemed to find difficulty in settling down.

Bramwell had the better of his tussle with Bumstead, and while Baynham, like Best, was seldom tested seriously, his work bore the hallmark of confidence.

Easily the best of the front line was McKechnie, who led it in the most lively style but did not receive the measure of support he was entitled to expect.

Weir uses the ball neatly on occasions and was more effective than Salisbury, while Fairchild was a more successful winger than was Jardine, who again ran into trouble far too often.

LUTON T: Baynham; Morton, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Fairchild, Salisbury, McKechnie, Weir, Jardine.

BOURNEMOUTH: Best; Farmer, Gledstone; Standley, Gater, Bolton; Bumstead, Woods, Reeves, Singer, Crickmore.

Referee: R Tinkler, Boston.  
Attendance: 6,361.