

LUTON DEFENCE HELPS BOSCOMBE TO 4-0 VICTORY

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BOSCOMBE were helped to a four—nil victory at Dean Court today by the courtesy of the Luton Town defence which never looked settled even against a forward line showing very little punch.

Boscombe manager Reg Flewin was on a scouting mission seeking someone to put some fire into the forwards and in spite of the four goals today, the need remains.

Coxon gave Boscombe the lead, McBain put through his own goal and then Woods added two to complete the tally.

Boscombe were unchanged for the third successive match, following two away draws. Luton Town were unchanged in spite of losing five of the last six points.

Boscombe: Best; Farmer, Compton; Groves, Nelson, Bolton; Crickmore, Woods, Reeves, Archer, Coxon.

Luton Town: Baynham; McBain, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Pleat, McKechnie, O'Rourke, Reid, Whittaker.

Referee: Mr. J. K. Taylor, Wolverhampton.

Boscombe kicked off attacking the Brighton Beach goal but it was Luton who created the first danger, Reid finding Pleat with a perfect cross-field ball and Best diving to the far post to hold a good shot.

Reeves and Coxon combined on the left but were checked when Reeves was tripped by McBain.

FREE KICK WORRY

Coxon's hard-hit free kick into the goalmouth worried Luton for a time but Baynham came out to hold and clear.

Archer twice tried to get his attack moving, at first with a neat pass to Crickmore and then with a rather hopeful lob which Reeves had no chance of meeting.

A free kick was lobbed high into the goalmouth by Farmer and although Baynham's fist got the ball away, it went only to **COXON** whose first-time shot from the edge of the penalty area went through a crowded goalmouth and hammered into the back of the net. This was in the seventh minute.

Best saved well from McKechnie and then O'Rourke pulled the ball back for Reid to shoot wide.

Coxon had Luton worried again when he sent in a terrific shot from about 25 yards which surprised Baynham and made the goalkeeper fumble before holding cleanly.

LOOKED DANGEROUS

When Luton came again McKechnie looked dangerous but was put off by the challenging Compton and Best was able to clear easily.

Reeves moved through onto a return pass from Crickmore but Archer's half-hit shot looped into Baynham's arms.

A promising Luton move had Boscombe back - pedalling and Lownds sent in a good shot from the edge of the area which was finger-tipped by Best onto the cross-bar.

After 16 minutes, Boscombe rather surprisingly were two up when Archer centred from the right into a goal-mouth devoid of Boscombe attackers and watched as **McBAIN** headed into his own goal, well wide of Baynham.

Baynham ran to the edge of his area to boot clear as Reeves chased an Archer pass.

Then Woods had a great chance to go through on his own as centre-half Fincham nodded down to the inside-right's feet, but he hesitated, not believing his good fortune, and was easily robbed by Bramwell.

LIMPED OFF

Luton's left-half, Lownds, limped off the field after half an hour but after treatment, and three minutes' delay, was back in action again.

Luton forced a corner on the right but Crickmore was back in the penalty area to challenge Whittaker as the Luton man attempted to meet Pleat's cross.

Ronnie Bolton joined in the Boscombe attack and after having one pass checked in defence, he lobbed neatly forward for Reeves to send in a header which Baynham saved.

At the other end, Farmer

wisely conceded a corner with a back header and when Best punched out, Pacey sent in a quick shot which was wide of the left-hand post.

Best was in action soon after this when he held high over his head a cross from Luton's right-winger and then the goal-keeper dived to pounce upon a low shot from Pleat following a free kick.

SURPRISE RULING

A few minutes before the interval, Charlie Crickmore raced through on the right and looked to have forced a corner.

But referee Taylor, who returned from officiating in Brazil only last week, ruled to the crowd's surprise that is was a goal-kick.

In the 42nd minute, the generous Luton defenders were at it again. Fincham intercepted a centre and instead of booting away, kicked the ball against **CHARLIE WOODS**.

The inside-right turned and to his delight found the ball waiting to be hammered into the net.

Half-time:

BOSCOMBE		3
LUTON		0

There was a shock for Boscombe supporters when Bolton remained on the ground with an injured left leg following a tackle by O'Rourke.

Play was held up for a minute as trainer Cunliffe came onto the field but Bolton fortunately was soon in action again.

DIRECT SHOT

Best saved a direct shot from Pleat and then the energetic Coxon was unlucky to be a little short of a Reeves' pass as he chased into the middle.

Bolton was cheered as he brought the ball out of defence and right to the edge of the Luton penalty area where Archer finished off with a shot straight at Baynham.

A little later, the inside-left, in the inside-right position, sent in a low cross which went just wide of the far post.

Luton made nothing of a free kick for obstruction wide of the Boscombe penalty area and then Boscombe attacked down the left with Coxon and Reeves—until the winger gained a free kick for obstruction.

Bolton slipped the ball to Coxon, who hammered it straight at McBain and then watched without moving as the wing-half slipped it into an open space.

Boscombe came again with Woods chasing a Reeves' pass and then crossing a little too far for Crickmore.

FINE COMBINATION

Nelson got in the way of Best and the ball as McKechnie shot from the right and then Reeves, Archer and Crickmore combined in one of the best moves of the match, which was finished by a Reeves header going narrowly wide.

The lunging Woods got his foot to a forward pass from Farmer to send it wide of the far post and in the next attack, the inside-right was brought down just outside the Luton penalty area by Pacey.

Luton looked dangerous in their two next attacks and it was as well for Boscombe that Compton stepped in to concede a corner as Pleat bore down on the goal.

It was the right-winger again, now in the middle, who moved smartly past Nelson and Compton but Best came out to put him off his shot.

EASY CHANCE

In the 82nd minute, a forward lob by Bolton was headed on to the bar by Reeves and **WOODS** had an easy chance to score No. 4 for the Cherries.

Result:

BOSCOMBE		4
LUTON		0

Attendance: 9,008.