

FIRST FOR TOM—BUT TOWN SLUMP AGAIN

Penalty helps Luton to win

LUTON T. 2

SWINDON T. 1

SWINDON TOWN hit back after conceding a 20th minute penalty at Luton this afternoon. Tommy Jenkins netted his first goal of the season, but Anderson put the home side ahead again just before the interval and they held on to both points, despite second-half Town pressure.

Town reverted to their usual three-man forward line following the defeat at Chesterfield in the League Cup in midweek.

Fire international Ray Treacy returned at centre-forward in place of Mick Collins who was dropped. Moss, also dropped at Chesterfield, returned and midfielder palyer Ray Bunkell lost his place.

David Syrett, the 17-year-old youth team forward, who made his League debut this season, was substitute.

Luton also made two changes, bringing back Jim Ryan after injury to replace Gordon Hindson, and bringing in Peter Cruse in place of Tom Finney.

Town were under pressure right from the kick-off as Luton, with 19 goals scored in their eight league matches, went on to the attack.

CLOSE ESCAPE

Town were forced to concede four corners in the opening four minutes and had one close escape.

In the opening minute Cruse challenged for a high ball in the Swindon goalmouth and Rod Thomas was forced to put the ball behind under pressure.

Frank Burrows headed clear from the cross but Trollope was forced to concede another corner immediately.

Luton came close minutes later following a throw-in by Garner. Cruse saw his shot pushed round the post by Trollope and from the corner Jimmy Allan punched over the bar.

Town had an amazing escape after ten minutes when Thomas saved what looked a certain goal. Luton centre forward Barry Butlin shot from the left and Anderson's header looked to have crossed the line before it was flicked over the bar.

Soon afterwards Luton centre half John Faulkner was booked for a foul on Treacy. From the free kick Treacy headed into the Luton goalmouth but Garner kicked clear.

Referee Mr Grey spoke to Anderson following a clash with Jenkins in midfield.

Luton came forward again with Aston putting left back Thomson clear down the left wing. Thomson hit a cross low into the Swindon goalmouth but Butler intercepted.

LUTON MIX-UP

Town, forced to soak up the pressure as Luton continued to attack, had an escape when Garner's shot hit the bar and bounced back into play after John Ryan had put over a cross from the left wing.

Town had created nothing in attack so far but were almost handed a chance with a mix-up between Luton centre half Faulkner and his goalkeeper.

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As Richard Legg chased a long ball, Faulkner headed the ball back to Horn, who could not hold it and finally Faulkner had to kick clear.

Town went a goal down after 20 minutes when JOHN ASTON scored with a penalty. Kenny Stroud conceded the penalty when he was ruled to have handled only feet from the line as he tried to clear under pressure.

With Luton fans still celebrating the goal, Town equalised only two minutes later. TOMMY JENKINS was the scorer, collecting a pass from Mick McGovern before making a good run through a slack Luton defence and placing his shot.

Town were looking much better after the equaliser. Collecting a ball from Jenkins in midfield, David Moss made a good run down the right before putting over a cross which was saved by Horn.

Jimmy Allan made a good save for Town when he collected a cross from Jim Ryan under pressure from Butlin.

CARELESS

Town came forward with a good move started in defence by Stroud and carried on by Moss. Jenkins's pass was neatly flicked on by Treacy inside the Luton box, but Town had no one there to collect and Faulkner cleared.

Swindon were now doing more of the attacking after their initial bad spell, and McGovern forced a full-length save from Horn with a powerful 20-yard shot.

Luton had fallen away badly after their impressive start and an attack was wasted when John Ryan headed behind almost at the corner flag.

The game had settled down in a midfield stalemate. When Luton broke away following a throw-in on the right, Burrows had no trouble in heading clear.

Ryan made a powerful run down the left but his shot bounced back off Stroud.

Jenkins put over a good cross from the left but Thomson beat Treacy to head clear. Moments later Moss split the Luton defence with a diagonal pass aimed for Legg, who was just beaten to the ball by goalkeeper Horn.

Jenkins tried to start another Swindon attack with a pass down the left to Treacy, but

THE LINE-UP

LUTON TOWN

Horn
Shanks
Thomson
Anderson
Faulkner
Garner

Referee: Mr A. W. Gray (Great Yarmouth)

Jim Ryan
John Ryan
Butlin
Cruse
Aston

Sub: Hindson

SWINDON TOWN

Allan
Thomas
Trollope
Butler
Burrows
Stroud

Moss
McGovern
Treacy
Legg
Jenkins

73/74 Sub: Syrett

the centre forward was bundled into touch by Faulkner.

Luton had grown careless and full-back Shanks ruined a good move with a badly placed centre from the right which went well behind the Swindon goal.

Luton almost went back into the lead just before half-time, however. Thomson crossed from the left and Allan failed to hold the ball, but Ryan's shot across the face of the goal was just missed by Butlin.

Luton went back into the lead with a goal after 44 minutes. Legg was penalised for a foul on Shanks and Jim Ryan's free kick, from the edge of the Swindon area on the right, was headed in by PETER ANDERSON

Half-time:

LUTON TOWN ... 2
SWINDON TOWN ... 1

Luton launched the first attack of the second half when Cruse found Aston with a good pass on the left. Aston tried to get round Thomas, but the Swindon back robbed him and passed back to Allan.

Swindon won their first corner of the match when a cross from Moss was deflected behind by a defender.

Luton came forward again, though, and Ryan did well to beat both Jenkins and Trollope before putting over a cross from the right which was punched out by Allan.

JUST WIDE

Town came close to equalising soon afterwards. Butler took a free kick just outside the Luton area and McGovern beat the defence to the ball as it ran free but placed his shot just wide.

Stroud won applause with a great piece of work just outside the Luton area in which he held off challenges from several defenders before pushing the ball out to Moss.

Town were creating far more chances than in the first half and forced an uncertain-looking Luton defence to concede two corners in succession.

First a cross from Moss was headed behind by Faulkner, then Garner put the ball well over his own bar after Jenkins had made a good run into the Luton goalmouth.

Jimmy Allan made a great reflex save when Luton threatened to go further ahead. He punched clear after Ryan crossed from the right and then quickly recovered to smother a shot from Aston.

Allan made another good save soon afterwards when he

dived to save a header from Butlin.

Town were pushing hard for the equaliser and Legg almost scored after 70 minutes when he headed just over the bar from a cross by Trollope.

DANGEROUS

Although Luton had faded in the second half, they were still dangerous on the break and Butlin hammered a shot just wide after a good pass from Cruse.

Luton sent on substitute Gordon Hindson in place of Jim Ryan after 74 minutes.

Hindson quickly added some drive to the Luton attack and he laid on a chance for Shanks but Stroud tackled quickly before he could get in a shot.

Town won a free kick on the right and Moss's cross was headed behind by Thomson. The corner was finally headed clear by the Luton defence after four attempts.

Luton were back on the attack in the later stages and a neat passing move between Aston and Hindson ended with a cross from Hindson being saved by Allan at the post.

DEFLECTED

Town hit back immediately and McGovern again almost scored. His shot was deflected behind after an effort by Butler was blocked by a defender.

From the corner Moss produced a superb shot from outside the area which was tipped over the bar by Horn.

From the corner Town again went close when a Legg header was saved on the line.

Result:

LUTON TOWN ... 2
SWINDON TOWN ... 1

Attendance: 10,732.

Borough

MOREDON v PARK B

T. MILES gave Moredon the lead after six minutes. Park equalised two minutes later but Moredon went ahead through BAYNAM. MILES scored five minutes later and two minutes before half-time BAYNAM got his second goal. Half-time: Moredon 4, Park 1.

DORCAN YOUTH CENTRE v PURTON ALBION

Dorcan took the lead in the 5th minute through COCKING. Half-time: Dorcan 1, Purton 0.