

THE LEAGUE-DIV. III

LUTON TOWN'S BIG WIN.

Forwards Score Six Against Merthyr.

By "CRUSADER."

Luton Town were certainly six goals superior to Merthyr Town on Saturday. It was not merely a forward advantage, for there were not wanting many supporters who believed that the visitors' forwards were quite as good as ours as a line had they been equally well supported. It was the strong play of the middle-line that enabled the home side to win so decisively, and after a moderate start, they simply outplayed the Welsh side.

The goals were scored by Reid, Shankly (2) before the interval, and afterwards by Jennings, Kerr, and Dennis.

The Merthyr custodian had not the slightest chance with any of the goals, and he saved on a great many occasions when the crowd expected him to be beaten. The Town forwards were getting so well served by their half-backs that they were attacking for long periods in each half, and it is a long time since so much play was seen in a team's penalty area as was the case with that portion of Merthyr's territory on Saturday.

By judiciously placed passes to the wings, the Town made progress generally, but the inside forwards were also supported well, and the understanding all round was better than in any previous game this season.

Early on Brookes had several good shots to stop, but he then rested until near the end, when the Town were disposed to take matters too easily. Anderson and Till also had a comfortable time, and they were soon fully extended. Both kicked and tackled strongly, and were often assuming the role of extra half-backs. Jennings was again in grand form at centre-half, and inspired the side. Walker played splendidly, and the opposing wing could not get going. Millar came through a more difficult job with flying colours, and since the Cup-tie he has improved almost out of all recognition, for he is feeding his wing in first-class style. All the forwards did well, but Thirlaway and Dennis were particularly prominent, thanks to the nursing they got. The inside men were clever, although they sometimes occupied too much time in deciding what to do. Nevertheless they all played fine football, and were well worthy of their remarkable success.

Merthyr were no match, and apart from Bow, Booth, and the right wing, they appeared to be a poor side.

LUTON TOWN 6 Goals

MERTHYR TOWN Nil

LUTON TOWN.—Brookes; Anderson, Till; Walker, Jennings, Millar; Thirlaway, Shankly, Kerr, Reid, Dennis.

MERTHYR TOWN.—Bow; Griffiths, Phillips; Woodward, Cowan, Booth; Arblaster, Turner (H.), Turner (E.), Ward, Sillito.

Referee: Capt. A. J. Prince-Cox, Barnes.