

FOUR AGAINST FULHAM.

Luton Town's Splendid Victory.

Drinnan's Display.

(By CRUSADER).

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LUTON.—Harford; Kingham, Richards; Fulton, Clark, Fraser; Daly, Yardley, Rennie, Drinnan, McInnes.

FULHAM. — Beecham; Rosier, Gibbon; Oliver, Binks, Barrett; Temple, Hammond, Allen, Price, Penn.

Referee:—Mr. G. Franklin, Portsmouth.

SOMETHING of the quality of last season's football, played by Luton Town and Fulham, was produced on Saturday. It was the game we have been expecting from the beginning, and, all circumstances considered, a really satisfying display from the standpoint of spectator and official alike. The Town merited their success, but it was not until the second half was well ahead that our qualms were allayed, and that is as it should be.

DEFENCE FIRM.

Fulham opened in the style we expected, and it was not until near the interval that we began to think the Town could beat them.

In the opening stages the visiting defence played with great confidence, and the more thrills were in the neighbourhood of Harford. He was well beaten when Temple got through to swing the ball to the left for Price to shoot first time, but the ball swerved in its course, struck the bar, and came out. Drinnan was the inspiration of the Town attack, but much of his initiatory work was spoiled, for neither McInnes nor Daly could get the ball across neatly, the former usually sending wide, and the right-winger muffing his passes after beating Gibbon for speed.

TWO GOALS.

Suddenly the Town halves and forwards moved up in a well-engineered attack, and Daly put the ball across; Rennie could have taken it, but he was surrounded, and let it go to DRINNAN, who hooked it over the heads of the crowd, including Beecham, and the goal was captured. After fierce attacks at either end, however, ALLEN received from Binks, and as nobody attempted to interfere with him he carried on for nearly twenty yards, veering to the left, and finally drove in a wonderful left-foot shot which had Harford beaten all the way.

BEECHAM LUCKY.

McInnes spoilt a number of chances after really fine play by the Town halves and inside forwards, but Beecham was lucky to see his goal saved when he pushed against the post a sly shot by Drinnan, Gibbon clearing almost from the line. In the closing stages of the half, however, the Town were showing a more masterful spirit.

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An exchange of places by Clark and Fulton was satisfactory to the crowd, and soon proved of value to the team. The visitors had lost a lot of their snap, whereas the Town appeared to have been stimulated by the zest of the first half, and began anew as they had left off.

It was soon evident that the Town were going to stay the pace the better, and Rennie caused a flutter when he struck the bar with a quick shot, and twice he sent over. Drinnan was putting in some fine touches, and Yardley and Daly were causing more trouble than Barrett liked.

GOING AHEAD.

Fulton made the opening by which Daly was able to burst through; after a scuffle with Gibbon, in which Daly won by a clever bit of footwork, the winger touched the ball back to YARDLEY, who tricked a couple of opponents, and then shot into the net, the ball beating Beecham as he dived. Fulham made a bid for equality again, but Richards sternly checked their right-wing, and after the Town attack had been twice rebuffed, Clark made ground rapidly, and eventually drove hard, apparently for goal; the ball would have gone out by the farther upright, but RENNIE was in its course, and he suddenly shot out his foot and the ball travelled like a flash into the net right way from Beecham.

The Town now had the better of the changes to the end, and the halves and