

Town Down at Selhurst

Fraser's Injury at Critical Stage

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN completed their League programme on Saturday when they visited CRYSTAL PALACE, and sustained their heaviest defeat in the League since January 21, when they went down at Coventry. They were decidedly unfortunate, as they were only a goal in arrears, and were getting on top when Fraser had the misfortune to receive a kick on the ankle, and this gave the Palace right wing more freedom, and that pair did the damage and made victory certain.

The Palace had the better of the exchanges in the first half, when they had the advantage of the breeze, but it was mainly because their finishing was more effective. Harford made several splendid saves, and was only beaten once, HARRY scoring just before the interval after a deal of loose play in front of the Town goal. The Town had chances, but could not get in a telling shot, though Dunn made clever saves from Rowe, and Rennie. Hutchison and Mills also went close.

In the second period the Town gave the Palace defence many hard spells, and had Tait been able to control the ball, on those occasions at least when he was right through the result might have been very different. Then came the mishap to Fraser, and the Palace revived. SIMPSON scored after fine play by the right wing, and subsequently scored the third with a grand shot from a free kick direct.

A feature of the play was the skill of Hutchison and Rennie, who gave their colleagues many opportunities, but with the exception of an occasional effort by Rowe they failed to beat the Palace defence. Mills had a good first half, but fell away afterwards. The halves all did well until Fraser was hurt, and there was little fault to be found with the rearguard. Coote, playing instead of the injured Kingham, made a very successful debut, and Mackey and Harford played finely all through.

CRYSTAL PALACE 3

LUTON TOWN 0

PALACE.—Dunn; Crilly, Parry; Brown, Barrie, Wilde; Harry, Turner, Simpson, Walters, Berry.

LUTON.—Harford; Coote, Mackey; Kean, McGinnigle, Fraser; Mills, Hutchison, Tait, Rennie, Rowe.

Referee.—Mr. P. Graham, Coventry.