

THRILLING ATTACK

Luton Forwards Overwhelm Aldershot

(By CRUSADER)

ONCE more LUTON TOWN reached a thrilling standard of football in a first half display. ALDERSHOT were the victims, and at no period after the first few minutes did they appear capable of withstanding the brilliance of the Luton attack. Robb, their famous goalkeeper, could not have kept goal better, but he was helpless to avert the goals.

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FIFTEEN minutes from the end, Fraser was carried off with a leg broken, and the later play was somewhat tame, for the accident had its effect on players of both sides. Still, the game was always attractive because of the magnificent combination shown by the Town, while their finishing was deadly in the first half.

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FIVE goals were registered against Robb before the change of ends. Numerous times he stood between the Town forwards and more goals, and although the first was scored after five minutes' play, he had already been applauded for the manner in which he dealt with shots from the Town attackers.

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BELL began the tally with a great shot, after fine work by Stephenson, and after much battery, the visitors' goal fell twice in quick succession to STEPHENSON from centres by Crompton. These were real opportunist goals, and were due to the alertness of the Town winger.

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A SLIP by Thayne let in OAKES, to reduce the lead, but subsequently the Town monopolised the play, and BALL added two more goals, one following fine play by Stephenson, and the other when Bell paved the way with a beautiful pass through the middle for the centre-forward to take in his stride. There were many more thrills in the second half, but only the one goal, and none deserved it better than the scorer, ROBERTS, who had played splendidly all through, without any fuss or show, his passes giving colleagues every chance to shine.



Roberts

ALDERSHOT fought pluckily all through, and the game was very clean, the whistle being heard but seldom for any infringement. The pace of the Town forwards was remarkable, and with Brown and Fraser giving excellent support, the attack on the Aldershot goal was almost incessant.

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FRASER was hurt when trying to dribble through, for while his right leg was at full stretch to force the ball past an opponent—Gerrard—the latter's boot made such contact with the shin-bone that the crack was heard all over the ground. Fraser was removed on the stretcher and taken thence to the Bute Hospital.

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COEN had only one difficult shot to save, and it was in the first half. He had no chance with the shot that beat him. Kingham and Smith did well once they had settled down, while the work of the flank halves was admirable. Thayne was not quite so good as usual, but got through much defensive work.

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THE forwards, as already stated, touched their best, and some of the movements evoked the highest praise, and kept the crowd in a constant murmur of approval. Every member of the line did his part well, and it would be invidious to make discriminations.

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FOR the visitors, Robb was a great goalkeeper, and Wade kicked well at back. The halves played valiantly, fighting every inch of ground, but they were nonplussed and outwitted again and again, and they could give their forwards little support.

LUTON TOWN 6
(Bell, Roberts, Stephenson 2, Ball 2)
ALDERSHOT TOWN 1
(Oakes)

LUTON. — Coen; Kingham, Smith; Brown, Thayne, Fraser; Crompton, Bell, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

ALDERSHOT.—Robb; Wade Sheppard; Gerrard, Middleton, Summerbee; Izzard, Lutterloch, Oakes, Black, Williams.

Referee: Mr. G. T. Gould, Norwood.