

LUTON OWE IT TO PAYNE'S HEAD

Luton Town 1, Southend United 0

AT one time it looked as if Luton were on the way to a smashing win, but this petered out badly in the second half.

The winning goal came from Payne, Luton's centre-forward, after 43 minutes—a great header from Crompton's corner kick. Graham, the Southend centre-forward, had the best chance of the game midway through the second period. He was right through, four or five yards from goal, with only Dolman to beat, when he crashed the ball at a terrific pace against the bar.

There were few other opportunities, but such as came were not taken well, the forwards showing almost complete inability to keep the ball down, and there was very little combination.

Southend had more of the game after the change, but they met an even sounder defence than their own, and as time wore on players were obviously feeling the terrific heat too much to be able to maintain attacks for any lengthy period.

Jack Nelson was the outstanding player of the home side, but his backs, Mackey and Smith, were powerful and gave little rope. Finlayson and Godfrey were patchy, and the forwards were very moderate.

For Southend, Jim Nelson was a grand back, his judgment being a great factor. Everest also did well, and the middle line generally was very sound.

Little could be said of the forwards, with, perhaps, the exception of Bolan and Willshaw, who were fast and centred well.

Luton.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Godfrey; Crompton, Lutterloch, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

Southend.—McKenzie; Nelson, Everest; Deacon, Turner, Carr; Bolan, Firth, Graham, Egan, Willshaw.
