

Cardiff's Signs of Revival

Cardiff City 3 Luton Town 0

In defeating Luton by three clear goals Cardiff confounded the prophets and proved that the close season team-building has definitely improved the side and its prospects in the Third League.

There was no fluke in the quality of their win. On the run of the game the Welsh side were too strong in defence and much too crafty in attack for the strong Luton side.

From the start the visitors realised the power of Granville and Scott, whose tackling and covering compelled the Luton forwards to part with the ball at a disadvantage. Bassett at centre half blotted out Mills to such purpose that he was nothing more than a trier.

Backed up by the forceful play of Nicholson and Godfrey, the Cardiff forwards were a menace to the Luton defence, and early on corners came in quick succession. After 17 minutes Smith fastened on to a weak clearance by Mackey, and scored through a ruck of defenders.

Sixteen minutes later his opportunism got him another. Despite better attempts by Luton after the resumption, Pugh increased the lead after 61 minutes by cutting in and driving home a terrific shot as Dolman advanced.

Cardiff: Fielding; Granville, Scott; Nicholson, Bassett, Godfrey; Pugh, Pinxton, Smith, Talbot, Owenstone.

Luton: Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Martin, Mills, Roberts, Stephenson.