

SURPRISE CHECK TO LUTON

Cardiff's Quick Tackling Upsets Plans

Cardiff City 3, Luton Town 0

CONFOUNDING all the critics, Cardiff City were worthy winners of their game with Luton, at Ninian Park. While it may be said for Luton that they were not really three goals inferior to their conquerors, Cardiff were unquestionably the better side on the day's play.

Luton's much-vaunted attack was held from the first by Bassett, Granville and Scott, their tackling upsetting all Luton's preconceived plans.

Even though their wing-men, Stephen-

son and Hodge, did at times manage to get the ball across, the Cardiff defenders were so quick in their tackles that Mills and his colleagues inside rarely had a chance to shoot during the greater part of the first half.

So well were they held in subjection that Fielding had quite an easy time in the Cardiff goal. There was one shot by Roberts just before the interval that looked dangerous, but, fortunately for Cardiff, it hit the angle of the goal-post.

Before this happened, Cardiff had secured a useful lead of two goals, both credited to Smith, their burly centre-forward. Smith does not waste a deal of energy, but he gets there, which, after all, is the thing that counts.

Ovenstone presented him with the first chance after 17 minutes, when he placed the ball well from a corner kick, and Smith promptly netted. On the second occasion it was Pugh who gave the centre-forward his chance by lobbing a ball into the goalmouth. Smith, the Luton left-back, never really comfortable, allowed the ball to beat him, and Cardiff's Smith quickly seized the opportunity to score.

No Power Behind Shots

Luton's best work in attack was done after the interval. Some of their play was most impressive, but except for Stephenson, none of the forwards put much power into their shots. Still, they harassed Cardiff's defence a good deal, and with a little more steadiness might have reduced the lead.

Cardiff had fewer opportunities in this half, but they made good use of them. With the game 61 minutes old, Pugh saw a chance to break clear, and, racing on, tricked Dolman, who had come out, and scored No. 3.

It would be unfair to individualise so far as Cardiff are concerned. Every man did well. Smith, Luton's left-back, was hurt in the second half and went on the wing, but Cardiff still well won the game before Luton became disorganised.

Cardiff.—Fielding, Granville, Scott, Nicholson, Bassett, Godfrey, Pugh, Pinxton, Smith (C.), Talbot, Ovenstone.

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