

CLASS WILL TELL

BRISTOL CITY'S STUBBORN RESISTANCE TO LUTON

Luton Town 4 Bristol City 0

For 45 minutes the teams went at it hammer and tongs. Luton's polished play was countered by lusty kicking, desperate tackling and vigorous charging, with the ball hit hard and often very high.

Class will have its reward, however, and the City were outclassed for over an hour, and only when Luton steadied down was there real threat from the visitors.

Stephenson, showing something of a revival, scored first, and 'ere doing so he had a shot strike one upright, flash across goal and hit the other, and come out. Payne made the scoring chance.

Ball netted with a simple header from Hodge's centre and two minutes later took a crack at the ball from the edge of the penalty area and saw it swerve just inside the post, these two coming quickly after the interval.

Hodge notched the last goal just before the end after a long period in which Luton had been little more than strolling players.

City's defence was strong and hardy and fought tenaciously, if not artistically. Wilson did wonders and his backs were stubborn. Pearce was a fit companion.

The forwards were workers without assistance, Dryden being the best. Luton's work was methodical, clever and speedy. With better finishing they could have taken double figures. There was little to choose, though Stephenson's improvement was notable. Finlayson and Fellowes were sixth and seventh forwards, and Nelson's defensive tactics were better than his indulgence in dribbling. Smith was a fine back, and Dolman a more or less prominent spectator.

Luton: Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Payne, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

Bristol City: Wilson; Roberts, Bridge; Morgan, Pearce, Brinton; Peters, Armstrong. J S Wood, P Moon, N W Matthews, A Francis.