

CARDIFF CRASH AT LUTON

BRILLIANT FORWARDS SCORE EIGHT GOALS

(By CRUSADER)

LUTON TOWN delighted their followers with a tremendous victory over CARDIFF CITY. The Welsh side, reinforced by such well-known players as Mellor, from Manchester United; M'Aulay, from Chelsea, and Melaniphy, from Plymouth, started well enough to satisfy their keenest critics, but they were eventually overplayed as completely as possible after half-time.

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VERY TROUBLESOME were the City forwards in the early stages. They got off the mark quickly, combined well, and shot hard at every opportunity, and once Dolman had to rush out of goal and frustrate a point-blank shot by Prescott. The Town were having a good share of the game, but the City defence looked safe, the tackling being strong, and Poland was very safe.

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TWENTY MINUTES had elapsed before there was a goal. Then Stephenson raced through and passed inside for PAYNE to take possession, beat Smith, and score with a smashing drive that gave Poland no chance. The City were gone on terms, for, following a free kick in midfield, PRESCOTT raced into the centre, and netted with a brilliant drive.

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LUTON'S LEAD was quickly restored, for after hectic scenes in the City goalmouth, and fine saves by Poland, M'Aulay handled under the bar, and PAYNE scored from the penalty spot. Luton pressed hotly, and only the brilliant work of Poland kept the score down, but he was again beaten, this time by DAWES, from a free kick direct, after Payne had been fouled on the penalty line. So Luton led by three goals to one at the cross-over.

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AMAZING SPEED and combination marked the early stages of the second half, and six minutes after the rest they had scored their sixth goal. STEPHENSON and Roberts combined cleverly for the former to score the fourth goal; then PAYNE fastened on a free kick from Dawes and scored the fifth, and STEPHENSON again raced right through the defence and put on the sixth.

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THE CROWD cheered madly, the Town's play being brilliant, and the City seemed helpless to hold them. Poland was the man who did great things for the City, and again and again he saved when all seemed lost. Rarely did the City forwards make headway, and then M'Ginnigle usually held up the spear-head, Melaniphy, or Dolman parried the shots of the wingers.

EVENTUALLY STEPHENSON again beat the defence by clever dribbling, and scored his third, and the Town's seventh, goal, and soon afterwards Hancock careered through the opposition and passed squarely in front of goal for PAYNE to score the last. The City forwards fought hard to reduce the arrears, but failed.

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IT WAS THE TOWN'S BEST to date, the forwards and halves playing great football, and the left wing was magnificent, with the help of Fellowes. The right-wing pair were not so prominent, but still were good enough to outwit the opposition, and Payne was a strong and assertive leader. The Town defence was good, with M'Ginnigle playing as well as ever, and Dolman was safe in goal.

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POLAND was the big man of the City, and he had an unenviable time, for the backs and halves could not hold the nimble Luton forwards. The City attack would have been dangerous had there been the right sort of assistance from the rear.

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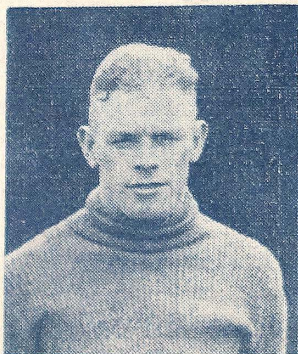
LUTON TOWN 8
Payne 4 (1 pen.), Stephenson 3,
Dawes.

CARDIFF CITY 1
Prescott

LUTON.—Dolman; Smith, Hubbard; Finlayson, M'Ginnigle, Fellowes; Hancock, Dawes, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

CARDIFF.—Poland; Mellor, M'Aulay; Nicholson, J. Smith, Godfrey, Prescott, Talbot, Melaniphy, Walton, Pugh.

Referee.—D. Gamson, Kidderminster.



STEPHENSON