

LUTON GOT EIGHT PAYNE ON THE MARK AGAIN JUST PRACTICE!

Luton T.8 Cardiff C.1

MELLOR (Manchester United) and McAulay (Chelsea) will not readily forget their first game for Cardiff City as full-backs.

Luton made a grand revival, yet from the manner of their onslaughts at the start Cardiff looked potential winners, for they were the more dangerous and twice nearly scored.

Once Luton found their stride, however, they made mincemeat of the opposition defence and in the second half it was little better than shooting practice.

Only the magnificent goalkeeping of Poland prevented a record score. Again and again the crowd yelled "Goal!" when it wasn't, for Poland had brought off a marvellous save. He must have handled the ball as often as any other player kicked it.

Payne opened the score with a brilliant shot after 20 minutes, but Prescott scored a pretty goal to equalise. Then McAulay handled in the goalmouth and Payne scored from the penalty. Dawes added the third direct from a free kick after Payne had been fouled.

After half-time Luton scored three in six minutes through Stephenson, Payne, Stephenson, and later Stephenson followed with the seventh and Payne the eighth.

The City forwards were shut out and rarely had a chance so battered and beaten were the men behind.

Luton played finely to a man and the team work showed great improvement. Payne and Stephenson owed much to the service of Roberts, and McGinnigle was a rare deputy for Nelson.

Luton Have Shooting Practice

Luton Town 8, Cardiff City 1.

AFTER a period in the doldrums Luton came out of their dull patch with a bang.

Cardiff, struggling bravely but hopelessly, were never in the picture after the first ten minutes.

After thrilling the crowd for nearly the whole ninety minutes, Payne had the temerity to miss an open goal, as if to say, "You see I can make a mistake sometimes."

On this display he must surely be one of the best centre forwards in the country.

His brilliant performance was almost equalled by the great display of Stephenson, who, in addition to a "hat-trick," did pretty well what he pleased with the overrun Cardiff defence.

McAulay, making his first appearance for Cardiff, was never able to hold Hancock, also making a great debut, while Roberts and Dawes linked together the forward line that Luton have so long been seeking.

The most sensational part of an electric match was when immediately after the interval the winners rammed on three goals in seven minutes.

Apart from Stephenson's three goals, Dawes also got one direct from a free kick. The other four goals, that made the tally into eight, were scored by Payne. Pugh scored for Cardiff.

Luton unstoppable.