

CONFIDENT LUTON

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Ten-Minutes Exhibition Of Striking Power

CRYSTAL PALACE ... 0 LUTON ... 4 (Attendance 15,144)

PERHAPS the most remarkable feature of Luton's play at Selhurst Park was the immense confidence of the team.

They played like a side waiting their opportunity to strike.

When it came they struck hard.

Luton looked all through as if they were keeping something in reserve. For nearly half an hour the Palace goalkeeper did not have a shot to save.

On the other hand, the Palace, feeding a clever little outside right in Coulston, kept bearing down on the Luton goal, without ever seriously threatening a resolute and completely confident defence.

Gradually the Luton half-backs got a grip on the game. Roberts opened the scoring with the Palace defence standing still appealing for offside, and on the run of the play up to then the visitors were lucky to be in front.

In the first ten minutes of the second half Luton put the result beyond all doubt. Payne scored two goals and could have had the next, but he preferred to pass square to Albert Dawes, the former Palace player, who scored easily.

Stephenson went through on the left wing and was brought down from behind. Payne shot very carelessly from the penalty spot and missed.

Stephenson went off for attention after this. When he came back the Palace trainer, seeing that his side had no chance, wisely called off Coulston, who had been limping after the first half an hour.

Palace's best player was Walker, the centre half. He and Payne had a great duel.

Crystal Palace.—Blair; Owens, Dawes (F.); McMenemy, Walker, Levene; Coulston, Birtley, Blackman, Watson, Bigg.

Luton Town.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellows; Hancock, Dawes (A.), Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.