

LUTON TOWN'S BRILLIANT TEN MINUTES

Palace Defence Torn To Shreds

Crystal Palace 0. Luton 4

IT was a trouncing all right! All done in ten minutes, too. The Palace began quite well. With Coulston, on the right wing, worrying Smith, beating him, and sending over lovely centres, it looked at first as if Luton might come one more cropper at Selhurst—a ground of ill-omen for them.

Fellows and Finlayson dropped back to help Mackey and Nelson. The covering work of these fellows was grand, and Birtley, Blackman and Watson could not shoot at all.

The Palace, therefore, never really looked dangerous, and the only shots to trouble Dolman in the slightest came from the wing halves, Levene and McMenemy, both long-range drives on the target.

Gradually the Luton halves got a grip on the game. Though Blore did not have a shot to deal with for half-an-hour, the Luton forwards passed with a precision and snap that always made them look like goal-getters.

When Dawes put a pass through to Roberts, who went on to score the Palace defenders stood still appealing for offside, and on the run of the play the home side were certainly unlucky to be a goal down.

Brilliant Dribble

The first ten minutes of the second half, however, altered all such notions. It began with a brilliant dribble by Albert Dawes, the former Palace player, whose shot went inches over the bar.

A succession of thrills, and three goals, followed. Payne headed the first from a corner, beat Blore to a long through pass for the second, and placed the ball for Dawes to score the third.

During this period the Palace defence was torn asunder by the brilliant evolutions of the whole Luton attack, splendidly supported by the wing halves, Finlayson and Fellows.

Luton should have been five up when Stephenson was brought down in the penalty area. Payne missed unaccountably from the spot.

Until the end of the game Luton toyed with their opponents, despite much fine work by Walker, the Palace pivot, whose duel with Payne was the "tit-bit" of the match.

Crystal Palace.—Blore, 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.