

Palace

Lapse Was

Expensive

Crystal Palace 0, Luton Town 4.

LUTON TOWN had an inspired spell of twelve minutes at the beginning of the second half at Selhurst Park. During that period they swept like an avalanche on the Palace defence, and scored three times, thus making sure of a handsome victory.

For over half an hour Palace were the better team. Payne found Walker his master during that period, and the Luton attack seldom worked smoothly.

Then came a hotly disputed goal which virtually settled the issue. Payne put the ball down the middle, and when Roberts gathered it he seemed to be in an off-side position, but he had moved very quickly, and was probably on side at the time the pass was made.

IT WAS A GIFT

Palace were guilty of the old mistake of not playing to the whistle, and Roberts helped himself to a gift goal.

On change of ends Walker was barely fit, but he continued pluckily, only to be overrun by Payne.

Twice Payne scored, and he also provided the pass from which Albert Dawes kicked the fourth goal.

Trying to place a penalty just inside the post, Payne put it wide.

The Palace deteriorated, and, to make matters worse, Coulston, their best forward, retired injured.

Palace attack ragged.