

PALACE OUTPLAYED

LUTON'S SMASHING VICTORY AT SELHURST PARK

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Crystal Palace 0, Luton Town 4

(Last season, Palace 5-1; this, Luton 5-2.)

Luton won at their leisure in the second half at Selhurst Park. Until Coulston and Walker were injured the Palace more than held their own, but thereafter it was all Luton, who thus completed the "double" over the Palace.

Honours were fairly well divided in the opening half hour. It is true the Palace were snappier than Luton and did twice as much attacking, but Luton were strong in a team sense.

The penetrative operations directed by Stephenson were beaten because Walker was playing at the top of his form as the Palace pivot.

An unfortunate all-round Palace blunder presented Luton with a goal after 38 minutes. Roberts, unmarked, received a forward pass 40 yards out, and with the Palace standing still waiting for the off-side whistle, Roberts ran on and scored.

Blore saved brilliantly when Roberts again got in a fast header.

Walker had his leg bandaged and Coulston was limping badly throughout the second half. Dawes ran through the home defence, but shot over the bar. Payne scored from a corner after six minutes, and one minute later he scored a third goal.

Another four minutes and Dawes scored from a perfect pass by Payne, making the total four. Payne shot wide from a penalty given for a foul on Stephenson, who left the field for five minutes.

Luton did almost as they liked in the field, but Blackman failed to score when well-placed; he shot straight at Dolman