

LUTON'S PAYNE WAS OFF THE MARK

Luton 2, Exeter City 2

EXETER CITY'S goal failed to survive a bombardment that raged almost continuously until Stephenson scored after eight minutes. From that point Luton appeared to take matters too lightly altogether against a defence, which fought magnificently, packed the goal, and kicked and tackled desperately.

Really atrocious blunders by Payne, who had many fine chances gave the City plenty of encouragement, and, while they usually left the attack to centre-forward Williams, and the wingers, Smith and Owen, they made such spirited raids that they were always dangerous.

In the second half they persevered with these tactics, and the result was that the Luton defenders were caught all out of position many times, and the City, with more coolness in front of goal might have had more than the two scored by Williams and Owen.

In arrears, Luton woke up again, and there were thrilling scenes, in which the City defence never relaxed a moment. They deserved the luck that came their way. However, Payne met a pass hip high from Roberts, and his terrific shot beat Chesters.

More Masterful Side

Heavy going took the steam out of Luton, because they persisted in keeping the ball down in the mud when it should have been lifted to the wings. That they were the more masterful side could not be questioned, but the City were grand fighters.

Chesters was splendid, and Brown, Boyle and Bamsey fought manfully with the assistance of their halves and inside forwards. Williams and Smith were the pick of the forwards.

For Luton, Maccey was again the outstanding defender, and the halves had a rather poor time, while of the forwards Roberts and Stephenson were unfortunate in seeing so much good work come to nothing through the failings of their colleagues.

Luton.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Martin, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Dawes, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

Exeter.—Chesters; Brown, Boyle, Clarke, Bamsey, Shadwell; Smith, Johnston, Williams, McGill, Owen.