

GREATEST YET

FROM BROWN

Luton Town 4 Arsenal 0

MARK this down as Allan Brown's match, his best since joining Luton from Blackpool. He notched a great hat-trick and poor Bill Dodgin, the Arsenal centre half, found him as elusive as a will-o'-the-wisp.

The first half was packed with thrills with both teams exploiting the open spaces to the full. In the opening minutes both sides struck a crossbar with the goalkeepers beaten.

Herd missed two great chances for Arsenal and then Luton took the lead after 23 minutes when Brown's half hit shot trickled past the sprawling Kelsey into the net.

This goal steadied Luton and they settled down to play some grand football with their half-backs Morton, Owen and Pearce dominating the centre of the field.

Point blank

Brown made it two-nil before the interval with a point blank shot after Kelsey has mis-handled a header from John Groves.

Most of the second half play was a scrappy as the first half had been great, with Arsenal fighting harder but still not achieving anything against a strong and resolute Luton defence.

Arsenal's forwards interchanged with Le Roux coming into the middle, but he, too, found Luton skipper Owen a hard nut to crack.

In the final 10 minutes Luton turned on the heat again. With seven minutes to go John Groves beat a hesitant Kelsey and in the closing seconds Brown completed his hat-trick.