

Luton—or as you like it!

LUTON TOWN 4 ARSENAL 0

IF there is one match Luton fans like their team to win, it's the home game against Arsenal. That is why 27,291 spectators—biggest Luton gate of the season—went home happy after Town had trounced not-so-mighty Gunners and given one of their best performances of the season. In the first half Luton were positively brilliant, and only agile Kelsey kept the score down to two.

Star was Allan Brown, who recorded his first three-goal feat for Luton. But what wonderful support he received from John Groves, Jimmy Adam, and George McLeod.

Gordon Turner, Luton's leading scorer, was not in the picture as much as usual but this was his first game after groin injury.

The first few minutes gave no indication of what the final score would be.

Arsenal were first to look dangerous, but David Herd missed a glorious chance when he pulled the ball wide with only Baynham to beat from ten yards.

Then Luton clicked. The sprightly Brown danced through time and again, and in the 23rd minute McLeod, who always had the beating of Stan Charlton, stabbed a pass to Groves. The inside man crossed to Brown, and in a flash the ball was in the net.

Eight minutes later, after a McLeod corner and a Groves header, Brown scored again.

After the interval Arsenal made several positional changes—at one stage right back Charlton, who

injured a groin muscle, was on the right wing—but although they kept out Luton for half an hour or so, the home side scored twice in the last ten minutes.

Johnny Groves, probably the most improved player on Luton's books, accepted a pass from Brown to crack in the third, and Brown put in his own third almost on time.

Arsenal seldom got through a sound Luton defence.

Vic Groves had his moments, but usually Owen came out on top in the duels with the wandering centre-forward.

Herd was the man most likely to score for Arsenal, and he held his head in despair after a magnificent one-handed save by Ron Baynham.

Luton's forwards were brilliant before the interval, and wing-halves Morton and Pearce never put a foot wrong. Morton might easily have scored two goals.

MATCH POINT. — Watch out, Stockport! Luton's Cup opponents next Saturday will not know what has hit them if Town reproduce this form. In fact, Luton could have a long and successful Cup run.