

Craft of Cummins 59/60 goes to waste

Luton 1, Wolves 5: by JOHN THOMPSON

WOLVES turned on the heat as they chose, and were not at all flattered by the margin of a victory which must have humiliated the losers more than it satisfied the winners. Luton were so lacking in power, or any sense of decision, that they were blinded even by spasmodic glimpses of the form that made Wolves such mighty champions.

For this was not always the old, ruthless, surging Wolves. Poor Luton would have suffered far more terribly than they did if it had been.

It was, as so often happens, the strength and energy of wing-halves Flowers and Slater which carved Wolves' win. Luton had no answer to the tremendous urgency these two great players brought to every tussle for the ball, or to the alert manner with which they used it.

At no stage did Luton look as though they would hold their own. They resisted sternly enough at the start, crowding their penalty area and covering tightly, but all the time Wolves were probing for gaps.

In the 31st minute came the inevitable goal, from Deeley. He hooked the ball in after a centre by Booth had been back-heeled to him by Murray.

With Cummins scheming intelligently—he was easily their best forward—Luton's occasional raids were, at least, spirited.

But centre-forward Dixon, though

fighting enthusiastically in his second League game, lacked the experience to worry Showell.

A minute before half-time Murray slammed the ball past Baynham after a shot by Deeley had bounced back from the post. Broadbent slipped through with typical coolness to increase Wolves lead at 63 minutes, and inside 60 seconds Deeley made it 4-0, from a pass by Murray.

Booth hit the fifth with the Luton defenders so astonished that they looked anchored to the ground.

Luton's scant consolation was an 80th-minute goal by Dixon, who knocked himself out in scoring it and finished the game on the wing.

The failure of the other Luton forwards to take advantage of Cummins's clever prodding was only one of many faults. Town's lack of cohesion will have to be replaced by understanding before any improvement comes.