

ONE CUP RUN ENDS

Failings In Attack Again *By Chiltern*

Crystal Palace 1, Luton Town 0

To say that Crystal Palace knocked the F.A. Cup Finalists out of the lesser trophy, the Southern Floodlit Cup, at Selhurst Park on Wednesday, is, of course, a pure fabrication.

The side the Town fielded could scarcely have borne less resemblance to the one they hope to field at Wembley and, in fact, only three members of it have appeared in an F.A. Cup-tie this season.

More than that, three members of it, Jackie Walker, Mike Dixon and Johnny Kilgannon, were making their senior debuts on what was a difficult occasion against the eager Palace, who were at full strength, and before 15,731 enthusiastic spectators, nearly all of whom were Palace fans.

Where the Town failed was again in the department where they have been misfiring these last few weeks, the forward line.

Few smooth-working movements were produced and there was a spate of ill-judged passes that made things easy for the Palace defence.

As the potential schemer of the line, Cummins fell down badly because he would hold on to the ball and, when he parted with it, it was almost invariably to a home defender.

After quite a bright start, Turner blended into a colourless background which was the Town's forward line and thrust was badly lacking.

EXCUSE FOR KILGANNON

There was plenty of excuse for Kilgannon, who was asked to appear in a position he had never occupied previously, but apart from one shot in the first half and a dash in the second that nearly brought a goal, Dixon accomplished little and it was much the same story so far as Whitby was concerned.

Had the forwards been any-

thing like as successful as the defence then Luton would still have been interested in this competition, embarrassment or not, and they were rather unlucky to concede a goal.

That came in rather fortunate circumstances a quarter of an hour from the end when BARNETT met with his head, a powerful cross from the left.

There was no question of a studied attempt at goal—there was no time for that—but the ball spiralled into the air and, with Collier misjudging his jump, scraped in under the bar.

Certainly, it was a nasty ball with which to deal, especially under the floodlights, and it was the only blemish on an otherwise splendid display.

LEARNT A LESSON

Obviously, Collier had learnt a lesson from Everton on Monday because he cut out most of the high crosses and used the punch seldom and only when it was absolutely necessary.

From McNally there was a resolute display and Dunne settled down particularly well on the left flank to which he is a comparative stranger.

In his old right-half position, Morton was strong and assertive, covering a great deal of ground and drawing the remark from Spurs' Manager, Billy Nicholson, who sat next to me, "Bob is still a great player."

Kelly had a very confident, successful match in which he showed considerable coolness under pressure, and Walker came into the picture after a somewhat tardy start.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Rouse; Howe, Noakes; McNichol, Choules, Long; Brett, Summersby, Barnett, Byrne, Colfar.

LUTON TOWN: Collier; McNally, Dunne; Morton, Kelly. Walker; Whitby, Turner, Dixon. Cummins, Kilgannon.

Referee: K. G. Aston, Ilford.