

SECOND-HALF RALLY

Watford On Target After Early Reverse

Watford 3, Luton 1

Although Luton were first to score and led by the only goal at the interval, Watford eventually became masters of the situation and scored three capital goals in the second half at Watford last night.

The dominating factor of the game was the play of the Watford half-backs. Woodward was in his best form, and both Stokes and Ellis excelled in constructive work.

During the first quarter of an hour Watford kept the visitors penned in their own half, but then the Luton forwards broke away, and Slicer sent over a perfect centre across the goal-mouth, which Holland should have cleared. Bryce, however, dashed up and headed the ball into the net.

A minute later Chapman, well supported by Barnett, shot into Imrie's arms, and, following a corner by Barnes, Imrie saved well from Lowe.

Watford were not long in taking the lead after the interval. In six minutes Chapman equalised with a wonderful shot from the wing, and a minute later he dashed in and passed to James, who gave Imrie no chance.

Luton tried hard to equalise. The Watford goal had a narrow escape when a point-black shot of Rennie's struck Holland while the Watford goalkeeper was on the ground, but in the semi-darkness, just before the end, Lowe sent in a smashing drive which Imrie probably never saw.

Watford displayed better understanding than they have done since their exit from the Cup. Chapman was the most dangerous forward on the field. Holland, however, did not inspire confidence. Slicer was the best of the Luton forwards.