

MACKEY FLOORS BURNLEY 37/38

CALM LUTON ATTACK

Luton Town 3, Burnley 1.

A FREAK result would not be an inaccurate description, for while Luton's strong finishing deserved success the medium of scoring was extraordinary.

Mackey was all but a passenger after an injury midway through the first half, and Luton had a difficult job to keep the lead of a goal gained by Stevenson after four minutes.

After the interval Mackey went to outside right, Ferguson and Finlayson each falling back one place. Stephenson, always a danger, swung across a high centre, and Mackey, well positioned, butted the ball hard past Adams.

The crowd were delighted, but shortly afterwards they went almost hysterical. Payne, again the menace of old, flustered the Burnley defence. The ball went to Mackey, who promptly drew the goal-keeper and deftly netted. A cool head meant much and Mackey's colleagues hugged him.

Miller scored for Burnley from a penalty kick. The game could be summed up by saying that Burnley, as the artists, supplied the scientific phases of the game, and Luton's attack, led by Payne, was more efficient at close quarters.

Payne was splendid. Stephenson was also good, while Finlayson and Nelson shone in defence. Burnley had a good back in Robinson, a grand pivot in Woodruff, and brilliant dribblers, but wretched marksmen, in attack.

Burnley cleverness unrewarded.