

# "Swans" could not settle down after Luton's whirlwind bursts

Luton Town, 3; Swansea Town, 1

**SWANSEA'S** inability to settle down quickly cost them at least one point at Luton last night. The home side made two whirlwind bursts at the start of each half and each produced the goals that gave them victory.

Swansea were strong in defence and Kiley particularly identified himself in opposition to international Jesse Pye, although, with Luton inside-left Shanks hobbling on the wing for two-thirds of the game, Lucas often found time to act as Kiley's cover man.

The visitors' weakness was in attack, where key man Ivor Allchurch was held in a tight grip by Bob Morton. His colleagues failed to profit by the Welsh international's occasional flashes of brilliance.

In the closing stages the "Swans" rallied, but could not overcome a defence that gave nothing away.

## Groves kept busy

Luton opened in devastating style and were a goal up in two minutes. Shanks lobbed the ball to Pye, who nodded it well out of Groves's reach.

Groves was kept busy for several minutes, notably by Pye and Shanks, but when the Swansea attack got into action Luton's goalkeeper, Ron Baynham, preferred to international Bernard Stretton, showed his calibre by saving at point-blank range a shot from Allchurch when a miskick by Dunne left him with an open goal.

Swansea had no escape when a shot by Pye swept the goalmouth,

but the "Swans" were not out of the picture in attack, and great work by Griffiths ended in a centre that was just too high for Turnbull to head through.

In a similar move at the other end Shanks did get his head to it and Groves did well to tip the ball over the bar.

## LACKED FIRE

Two minutes after the restart Luton went further in front. Beach (G.) dabbled and tried to beat Turner twice. He failed at the second attempt and allowed the inside-right to score with an oblique shot which bounded off the far post.

There was not much fire in the Swansea attack on the rare occasions they got in motion, but for long periods Luton's front line was hardly more impressive.

Thomas gave his forwards a sound precept to follow when he let loose a drive from 20 yards that had Baynham beaten for the ball to strike the angle of upright and crossbar.

The Swansea defence stood appealing for off-side when Turner was allowed to run through unchallenged to score, but immediately afterwards Swansea replied with a goal by Beech (Cyril) from close in when Dunne failed to head clear a centre from Medwin.

In the closing stages Swansea put on pressure but were ineffective in front of goal.