

Unbeaten run ended by Luton

Last-minute goal

LUTON TOWN 2, LEEDS UNITED 0

Leeds United's unbeaten run of nine games was ended by the dashing Luton team at Luton yesterday; deservedly ended, too, even though the second of Luton's goals was scored only in the last minute and came after a long rally by United. The first goal was an "own goal" by McCabe.

The attacking football, especially Luton's, was first-rate until well after half-time, when the players grew weary in the mud and inaccuracies crept in. Luton were well balanced and aggressive for a large part of the game, but United gave them a rare fight and showed a spirit that was heart warming. Today's return game at Elland Road promises well.

Charles held

Neither side had a dominant personality, although Pye's experience and guile at centre-forward meant much to Luton's raiding power. Kerfoot and Dunn at right half and right-back for United, played themselves almost to a standstill following stern defence with valiant offence, but the best defender on view was Owen, the home centre half, who held Charles in a vice-like grip and constructed from every clearance.

Luton made the better start and had threatened to score before McCabe did so for them in the seventh minute. Moore had brilliantly uncovered Davis and the latter crossed a low centre from which Pye might have scored had not McCabe sent it into goal. Luton fully deserved their half-time lead, but United rallied and twice Nightingale nearly scored. A minute from the end, however, Luton turned from anxious goal area defence to attack, and Mitchell swept in from the wing to slam a shot against the far post. Pye, alertly following-up, scored off the rebound.