

LUTON'S CLEVER TOUCHES STICK IN THE MUD

Luton Town 0, Aston V. 0

LUTON lost their classy touches in the mud last night. They could so easily have lost the game, too.

There were two minutes to go when Villa's outside right, Leslie Smith, the most dangerous forward afield, tried his luck from almost thirty yards out.

Luton goalkeeper Bernard Streten was out of position, and Smith sent him a drop shot.

Streten, diving up and backwards, just managed to touch the ball over via the crossbar.

Desperate

Villa deserved a goal then. Four corners in the last minute showed how Luton's defenders were desperately clinging to a point.

And earlier, only a grand header by Seamus Dunne saved a Leslie Smith header which had licked Streten.

What has happened to goalscorer Jackie Sewell? If he had been anywhere near his inside right position, instead of lying along-

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side the right half, he must have capitalised on Leslie Smith's great work when Villa took charge in the second half.

Luton's famed quick-passing was consistently inaccurate.

As the grounds get heavier and heavier, they will find their favourite square pass more and more dangerous.

The two centre halves, Syd Owen and Jimmy Dugdale, were immense. Villa's backs, Ray Hogg and Peter Aldis, made the wing antics of Mike Cullen and Jimmy Adam look so terribly pointless.