

Baird star despite penalty miss

Leeds United 0, Luton Town 2

MARK down Luton Town, the team with the best defensive record in Division I, as a likely lot on this showing under the Elland-road floodlights. From Ron Baynham in goal to Reg Pearce at left-half Luton had the cast-iron character in the rear that is the foundation of any side's success and they had the chance-grabbers in the forwards, too.

It wasn't a happy night for luckless Leeds in any way. They were without left-back Grenville Hair; they found Luton keen to take toll of any slip on this waterlogged ground; and they missed a penalty.

The man who failed from the spot was Hugh Baird, who tried to "place" his shot, and found Ron Baynham in the right place to save low down at the second attempt.

In spite of this failure Baird was the outstanding Leeds forward, and made almost every worthwhile United attempt to score. The polish and the finish, though, came from lively Luton in a second-half spell of sheer dominance.

Marsden error

Centre-forward Bob Morton "punished" an error by Jack Marsden, who missed a Baynham clearance, when he darted through to beat Roy Wood.

That was after 52 minutes and the writing was on the wall for Leeds even then. Defeat was made virtually a certainty when Gordon Turner lobbed a free-kick high into the corner of the net for a second goal seven minutes later.

The points certainly went to the team that merited them and Luton were all round considerably superior to out-of-touch Leeds.

Leeds Utd.—Wood; Dunn, Charlton; Ripley, Marsden, Kerfoot; Meek, O'Brien, Baird, Brooks, Overfield.

Luton Town.—Baynham; Dunne, Jones Groves, Owen, Pearce; Cullen, Turner, Morton, Brown, McLeod.