

Luton 'refuse' **By Clifford Webb** **Luton 1, Leeds 1** **a point**

EVERYBODY tells you that Luton is a wealthy town, so maybe the players are well able to squander the odd bonus money now and again.

Certainly they flung part of it away last night by dropping a point in a match that should have been wrapped up well before half-time.

Against opponents so obviously in a defensive groove, Luton blundered badly by tip-tapping across the field instead of trying to split the Leeds' backs with an occasionally long ball through the middle.

On the cramped pitch Jimmy Dunn, Jimmy Ashall and John Charlton must have breathed continual sighs of relief as the Luton tactics enabled the Leeds' wing half-backs to retreat in orderly fashion.

Frequently there were eight Leeds' men within easy reach of their own penalty area and only

on rare occasions was there any real danger from the Luton "fretworkers."

This intricate pattern-work has long been a Luton failing and it was the glaring reason why Leeds got away with a "burgled" point.

Such a pity, because left-half Reg Pearce did some magnificent prompting only to see Mike Cullen, Gordon Turner and George McLeod gum up the works by indulging in fancy stuff.

Morton's goal

Perhaps things would have been different had Dunn not been on the goal-line to block a great shot from Turner after 39 minutes.

As it was Luton had to wait until four minutes after the interval for a goal from Bob Morton. Even this was slightly fluky because the ball zoomed low through a crowd of defenders and caught goalkeeper Royden Wood on the hop.

Luton took things even more casually after this and it was a terrific shock when five minutes from time winger Jack Overfield tried a chancy lob that sailed just inside the far post.