

BROWN MAN. IT PERFECT!

By **BOB PENNINGTON**: Luton 2 Manchester Utd. 2

 **L**UTON leader Allan Brown headed a superb, last minute equaliser to give a heart-pounding finish to this red-corpuscled thriller that rates with the most exciting League game seen in 1957. It meant an almost unbelievable Christmas point for injury-crippled Luton.

And Luton did it with a Charlton-style comeback against the big, power champions in a match fought like a cup-tie.

Luton started without key men Ron Baynham, Sid Owen, Gordon Turner, and Bob Morton.

They were two down at half-time. Twice Dave Pacey, their 21-year-old raw right half, making his home debut, went off for treatment to a gash in his forehead.

Despite four reserves and a reshuffled attack with Pacey at inside right in the second half, Luton battled bravely, often brilliantly, for the perfect finish.

Oh! what a wonderful personal triumph for "forgotten" keeper Eddie Marsh. For years he was Sam Bartram's deputy at Charlton. But as England's injured 'keeper Baynham told me at half-time: "I'm not missed out there."

Marsh was magnificent. So was £23,000 Harry Gregg—worth every penny of that fee.

Marsh had no chance with left winger Albert Scanlon's first solo goal (27min.). A slip by right back Seamus Dunne gave Scanlon the

chance to present Tommy Taylor with a gift for No. 2 (43 mins.).

United might have been four up when, five minutes after half-time, John Groves forced the ball past Gregg for the ball to go into the net off a strangely subdued Duncan Edwards.

Midway through Luton's tremendous comeback Dennis Viollet had his name taken by Ilford referee Ken Aston. The foul—on Ken Hawkes—was very tame by comparison with some by Luton.

ALL FORGOTTEN

Yet, all this was forgotten when, with seconds to go, Groves took a quick throw-in, found Hawkes whose first-time centre was flashed into the net by Brown.

Brown, Marsh, and every player was worth the biggest cheer from the crowd of 26,000—Luton's best for two seasons. United's Mat Busby too can be proud of Eddie Colman, Bobby Charlton, Scanlon, and, of course, gallant Gregg.

Luton.—Marsh; Dunne, Hawkes; Pacey, Kelly, Pearce; Adam, Groves, Brown, Cullen, McLeod.

Man Utd.—Gregg; Foulkes, Byrne; Colman, Jones, Edwards, Berry, Charlton, Taylor, Viollet, Scanlon.