

ONLY MONEY CAN SOLVE LUTON PROBLEMS

Luton 1 **Blackburn** 1

RATINGS.—Skill: Luton 6, Blackburn 7. Entertainment 7. Sportsmanship 8. Control 6.

ENGLAND'S team manager, Walter Winterbottom, paid what he described as a routine visit to this match and it was not in vain, despite the fact that inside right Peter Dobing, the man he most wanted to see, was out because of injury.

Ronnie Clayton gave an England-class display despite having a stomach upset before the match, and in Luton's goal Ron Baynham proved that he is still of international material.

In the thick mud there was no room for pure football. Blackburn had the edge in the first half, but Luton, with their lop-sided badly balanced attack, managed to rally after half-time.

Hopes that full-back Brendan McNally would save Luton the expense of buying a centre-forward were blown sky high. He rarely looked like settling down.

But against that problem and the lost form and confidence of Allan Brown, Luton can offset the im-

provement of Gordon Turner and a strong and robust defence—but they will still have to buy.

Some of the tackling was so hard that a good few Luton fans took exception to it—and to some strange decisions by the referee who turned down two appeals for Luton penalties.

Goals: Blackburn — Johnston (29min.). Luton—Bingham (63).

LUTON: Baynham 9; Dunne 5, Hawkes 7; Morion 8, Owen 8, Groves 7; Bingham 9, Cummins 7, McNally 5, Turner 7, Brown 5.

BLACKBURN: Leyland 9; Taylor 9, Eckersley 6; Clayton 9, Woods 8, McGrath 7; Isherwood 7, Cairns 6, Johnston 6, Vernon 9, McLeod 8.

REFEREE: J. W. Hunt (Emsworth).
LINESMEN: H. O. Ward (Romford), A. J. Sturgeon (London).