

LUTON TAKE IT EASY

LUTON 4, LEICESTER 3

LUTON almost made a present of a point to struggling Leicester after having put themselves into a seemingly impregnable position, for they eased up after taking a three goals lead.

The Leicester defence was drawn out of position in the early stages by a fast-moving forward line and in nine minutes the visitors were two goals down, the scorers being Morton and Brown. The latter's effort was through a spectacular header, and then a wonderful swerving drive from 25 yards by George Cummins deepened the Leicester depression.

They had neither the ability nor apparently the fighting spirit to match the smoothness of the Luton machine and the first half was completely one-sided. In fact, Luton might have been playing in a mid-week practice match for all the trouble they were caused.

Maybe by half-time they thought they could afford to take it easy and so not risk injury against some heavy Leicester tackling. Through this indecision Morton and Brown missed early chances of putting the result beyond doubt and then came

the scoring burst that turned this game topsy-turvy.

With 62 minutes gone, Leek beat Owen to the ball just under the bar and two minutes later right-half Newman smacked in a great drive to make it 3-2. Now we saw the Leicester fighting spirit and Lornie scrambled an equaliser seven minutes from time.

And now a point seemed to be within the grasp of Leicester. But their rivals hit back with something of their former precision and Gregory got their nose in front again with only four minutes left after great work by Bingham and Brown.

On this showing Leicester may lose their First Division status, for their only consistent forward was winger Leek whose skill could be better used in an inside position.

Newman, King and Cunningham were the strongest of a defence that was liable to panic.