THEN LUTON SWITCH ON

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Everton 2, Luton 2. By STANLEY FORD

IF Luton's second-half display is going to be typical of them, their former centre-half, Syd Owen, will be staying a long time as manager. Everton started in sparkling style with carpet-hugging passes swinging from man to man in textbook style, and the Luton defence was kept at full stretch.

Everton looked good without displaying that all-important finishing touch, and Luton were able to go in for their first half-time lecture by Syd Owen on level terms.

The lecture resulted in a team switch, Irish international Billy Bingham becoming a roving centre-forward, Allan Brown coming back to inside-forward, and Scotsman John Kilgannon working out on the wing.

Immediately Everton were in trouble with their weak left flank defence exposed. Bingham popped up on either wing and harassed Jones and Tansey into errors.

But it was Everton who scored first when a 67-minute Hickson drive beat Town's defence via Cummin's hip.

Two minutes later Brown equalised in a manner which must have given Everton manager Johnny Carey palpitations.

In the 71st minute Brown shuffled his way past three defenders and pulled the ball back for Bingham to volley into the net.

Everton, by this time, had lost much of their poise, but right-half Brian Harris, maintaining his dynamo form of the first-half, tried to prod his forwards into action.

But it was Scottish international full-back Alec Parker who won the cheers and the man-of-the-match tag with a superlative display of attacking and constructive full-back play.

● Billy Bingham, who came a roving centre-forw for Luton and scored a sma ing goal.

Well earned

It was left to outside-right Jimmy Harris to save the point which Everton's cultured approach work so richly deserved.

Left-half Meagan lobbed the ball somewhat desperately into the penalty area, and right-winger Jimmy Harris was there to pull it down and change from left foot to right before slamming home the equaliser four minutes from time.

No reflection on centre-half Dave Pacey, who has taken on the job of following Syd Owen. He played Hickson with the utmost confidence, and while there are weaknesses in the Luton defence, Everton's inside trio were never able to exploit them fully near goal.

EVERTON. — Dunlop 8; ★PARKER 8, Tansey 6; Harris (B) 8, Jones 7, Meagan 6; Harris (J) 7, Thomas 6, Hickson 7, Collins 7, O'Hara 7.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham 8; Dunne 7, Hawkes 7; Morton 7, Pacey 7, Groves 5; ★BINGHAM 9, Kilgannon 6, Brown 8, Cummins 7, Gregory 7.

Referee: Mr. L. Callaghan (Mer[illegible]