

Luton forwards shine in thriller

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Leicester 3, Luton 3: by LEONARD GRAHAM

THE smallest crowd of the season at Leicester were looking forward at half-time to the comforts of home. They stayed on to the last kick of a game that developed into a thriller.

Three times Luton's smarter looking attack won the lead and each time it was snatched back by a spirited Leicester. The struggle mounted to a fine flourish in the last 15 minutes which began with Wills equalising for the second time.

Three minutes later Pacey shocked the home defence when the ball came back to him at 20 yards and he drove it low through a forest of legs.

Luton's defence, always suspect, could not last out the final 12 minutes. They caved in once more when with five minutes to go the ball was hooked over a cluster of men by Cheesebrough and swept over the line by McDonald.

The cheer rang out almost as loudly as they did 10 years ago when the City scored a dramatic equaliser in a great Cup tie at Luton.

Luton's move of recalling Brown

to centre forward paid off. He was on hand to score their second goal in the 52nd minute and always needed close watching.

The potential match-winner was Billy Bingham, easily the fastest runner on view. Bingham slipped into unexpected positions to create repeated danger.

Leicester must find a great deal more final skill in attack, but they cannot hope for a stronger spirit than that which saved them this

Luton's half-time lead was the result of a dazzling cut-through by Bingham when the ball had been headed over the advancing City centre-half King. Bingham's shot was a beauty

Leicester's first counter blow came with a long-range lob by Appleton that deceived Collier in the first minute of the second half