



● Narrow escape for Luton. ... Dave Pacey (left) clears as Chelsea's Jimmy Greaves just fails to reach the ball flashing across an open goal at Stamford Bridge.

Glum Luton waste Bingham wizardry

Chelsea 3, Luton 0: by DENIS COMPTON

BEFORE Chelsea took command of this game in the second half, they imparted the usual sense of frustration to their loyal supporters. They started with a great flurry and appeared all set to sweep Luton aside quite easily. But this was short-lived, and complacency and a casual air developed in this game.

They squandered chances and allowed themselves to be dragged down for long periods to Luton's poor standard. So we were inflicted with a dreadfully boring first half.

Luckily Chelsea did liven up in the second half and Jimmy Greaves's opportunism got them home.

From Luton's point of view the least said the better. They were uninspiring and appear to have lost all heart. Syd Owen, their manager, was not present. He is apparently seeking a left winger.

I hope he is not under the impression that this will solve his problems. There are many more both in defence and attack.

Their one ray of sunshine was right-winger Bingham. But he must get awfully tired of continually seeing his artistry and fine

work go unrewarded.

Chelsea had all the play in the first half. Both Greaves and Tindall hit a post. But after this brisk opening there was no urgency about their play and from Luton's point of view, only Bingham's individual and brilliant bursts brought them any hope.

It took Chelsea 60 minutes to go ahead. Then Greaves headed past Collier from Tindall's pass.

Five minutes later, Tindall scored No. 2. Greaves sold a perfect dummy to Dunne, Luton's right-back, and crossed beautifully for Tindall to flick the ball home.

By this time, Luton had lost all heart and were just ragged units.

Greaves headed his second and his side's third goal 30 seconds from the end after fine work by Brabrook.