

GENIUS GREAVES

And he needs to be
—with dear
old Chelsea!

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Chelsea 3, Luton 0
JIMMY Greaves,
of Chelsea, is a
genius.

He must be to play
week after week in a
team as moderate as
this without losing his
eye for an opening and
his zest for the game.

Fresh from his hat-
trick triumph for Young
England, Greaves scored
two goals and made a third
to give Chelsea a victory
that looks a lot better on
paper than it was on grass.

Fans Groan

Most of the match was a
shoddy shambles of erratic
passing and wild shooting.
An angry shout from the
stands of "Call yourselves
professionals?" voiced the
sentiments of the groaning
crowd.

Luton, now hot favour-
ites for the long drop, at
least had the excuse that
left-back Brendan McNally

with damaged knee liga-
ments.

They are a team of
somewhat limited re-
sourcefulness, and the
disruption of their forces
proved a heavy handicap.

Billy Bingham and John
Groves, a valiant make-
shift left half, showed that
there is still a flicker of
spirit in this Luton team.
But they could not fan it
into a flame.

This was the first time
for nineteen weeks that
Chelsea have prevented
their opponents scoring.

On the positive side of
the picture Greaves has
scored twenty-six of their
League goals this season—
seventeen more than the
next best individual total.

It is hardly surprising to
learn that the goal-con-
scious Italians will try to

the import ban on foot-
ballers.

A representative of Milan
FC watched him dazzling
the Under-23 Scots last
week.

It is a measure of the
boy's brilliance that one
was prepared to suffer
the aimless muddling in
the Luton match for the
moments of magic when
Greaves had the ball.

His instinct for the game
is so sound that it even en-
ables him to anticipate his
team-mates mistakes.
Three times I saw him drop
back ready to snap up a
ball lost by a colleague.

Open Space

And his flair for gliding
into the open space com-
pletely upset the close-
marking intentions of in-
ternationals Allan Brown
and Seamus Dunne.

His contributions to this
match were: a disallowed
goal in the first minute, a
shot blocked on the line,
two shots which hit posts,
a perfect centre converted
by Ron Tindall, and two
scoring headers.

It would not be too much
to say that the other
twenty-one players seemed
to be there to make the
number up.



● Jimmy Greaves (right), Chelsea's wonder-boy inside left, is too quick for Luton right back Seamus Dunne in another magic moment.