

Snappy Luton jump at three chances

Luton 3 West Ham 1: by JAMES MURRAY

IN the final First Division match at Luton, West Ham's defence showed the generosity for which they have become renowned this season. Too bad for Luton that luck was so late in coming to help them. Nevertheless this was quite a good win.

There were some fine performances by their men—notably full-backs Dunne and Daniel, a shrewd pair, constructive left-half Pacey, and, in the attack, try-hard McBride and crafty outside-left Cummins.

West Ham players helped in all Luton's goals. After three minutes, deputy centre-half Lansdowne, with Luton inside right Turner in close attendance, chose to lob back to his goalkeeper. But he had not looked to see that Rhodes had advanced, and the ball descended into an empty net.

For Luton's second and third goals, West Ham left-half Moore was caught napping twice and his face was even pinker than it normally is.

McBride pounced to capture the ball as Moore tried to pass back (24min.) and tucked it into the side of the net. Nine minutes later Cummins robbed Moore and, once again, Rhodes was left helpless by the shot.

West Ham, by half-time, had wasted two excellently carved chances. Centre-forward Dunmore shot straight at Baynham from

close range and inside-left Smillie shot wide following a splendid Grice cross from the right, just on the edge of the goal area.

Dunmore snapped a goal for West Ham from the edge of the penalty area after 69 minutes. Baynham seemed sure that the ball was going wide, but it struck the left-hand post and bounced in.

Five minutes later, from nearly the same place, Grice hit the same post—but this time it bounced across goal and Baynham, facing the net, picked the ball up.

Luton succeeded in an appeal against a penalty which referee R. Reddaway, of Kettering, indicated after Daniel had tripped Grice in a great sprint. After consulting a linesman, the referee, ignoring a frenzied harangue by West Ham backs Bond and Cantwell, gave Luton a throw-in 30 yards from the corner flag.

Brightest for West Ham in a below-par performance was inside-right Cartwright, who always attempted to work the ball intelligently. Too bad his teammates did not adopt the idea