

Luton had enough chances 60/61 to win well

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STUBBORN Sunderland fought off incessant Luton attacks, broke away to lead 3-2, then surrendered a point in a desperate Luton comeback two minutes from time.

It could be argued that Luton deserved both points. I cannot agree.

True, Luton seized the initiative early on and, by and large, retained it to the end. Yet if you don't exploit openings you don't deserve success.

Despite all the guts shown by the Sunderland defenders, Luton created sufficient goal chances during that prolonged second half onslaught to have won in comfort.

Agile though Peter Wakeham was in Sunderland's goal, the ball often ran very kindly for him.

The hard-pressed Sunderland

rearguard had fine support from a strong half-back line in which Jimmy McNab, on the left, was outstanding.

McNab subdued Luton inside-right Gordon Turner, and found time to move upfield to drive his wing into action.

Charlie Hurley, at centre-half, had to struggle to hold steadily developing Luton centre-forward, Joe McBride.

The Luton defence was guilty of inexplicable lapses. Goal-keeper Ron Baynham was "lost" when Sunderland scored their first and last goals.

Experienced Seamus Dunne and highly promising Alan Daniel, the backs, easily mastered Sunderland wingers Jackie Overfield and Ambrose Fogarty, who lacked support.

Centre-half Allan Brown was too easily lured out of position by the sharpened-up young Ian Lawther, Sunderland's leader.

LUTON.—Baynham 6; Dunne 7, Daniel 8; Morton 7, Brown 6, ★PACEY 8; Bingham 7, Turner 6, McBride 7, Groves 7, Imlach 7.

SUNDERLAND.—Wakeham 7; Nelson 7, Ashurst 7; Anderson 7, Hurley 7, ★MCNAB 8; Fogarty 6, Taylor 7, Lawther 7, O'Neill 7, Overfield 6.

Referee: H. Horner (Coventry) 8.