

LIVERPOOL BRING LUTON PROBLEMS INTO OPEN

Luton 2

Liverpool 5

LUTON were tumbled out of the League Cup in this second round replay at Kenilworth Road last night, and apart from one period of brilliance in the first half they displayed the problems of a struggling side. Backs were unsure, the wingers weak and the insides lacked bite.

Liverpool showed just the right mixture of thrust and craft to overcome Luton, but at times their tackling landed them in hot water and referee Mr. K. Aston booked centre-half White and inside-left Harrower for flagrant offences.

Full-back Byrne and goalkeeper Slater were the best of a crisp and compact defence while Lewis, on the right wing, and Hunt, were dangerous raiders.

O'Hara, Luton's 16-year-old goalkeeper, twice saved well before Luton with their first shot of the match, took the lead. Noake hit a free kick low and hard into the area and Brogan stabbed the ball past White into the net.

McBride, with a worthy header and McGuffie's overhead kick brought the best out of Slater before the interval.

CHANGED HALF

Visitors Go Ahead

What a transformation came in the second period. Within four minutes of the restart Liverpool were in front with two goals scored by Lewis. With the Luton defence in a tangle he drove the ball into the roof of the net and in the next attack netted the shot from the right wing.

After an hour Hickson escaped centre-half Groves to notch the third with a fine drive. Hunt made it four after 73 minutes after McGuffie had obligingly put him on side with an ill-placed back header.

Turner, in a rare Luton raid, reduced the arrears brilliantly taking Brogan's pass to score with a fierce drive. Hunt made it a night of woe for the home fans skipping past the tired Luton defence to score easily.