

Not Luton's Lucky Day

Middlesbrough 2, Luton T. 1

FAST-MOVING wingers were a constant source of trouble to the full-backs in this game.

Luton's pair of backs, McNally and Bramwell, fared better than Middlesbrough's in the first half. The reverse was the case afterwards.

Collins came out well from his tussles with centre-forward Clough, though it was this player who after 34 minutes put Middlesbrough in front, tapping home a centre from McLean.

At centre-half for Middlesbrough McNeil, the England international left-back played with great composure against Turner, Luton's most threatening forward.

A minute after the interval Morton swung the ball into the goal-mouth and Legate headed the equaliser.

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A minute later, however, Clough put Middlesbrough in front again, from a position which Luton protested unavailingly as being offside.

Turner then had a shot brilliantly saved at the foot of a post, and later came within inches of success with another fine shot. But Groves missed badly with the goal yawning in front of him.

At the other end Clough also failed with golden opportunities.

Near the end Turner was carried off with a badly jarred knee. He returned, tried to carry on at outside-left, but had to leave the field again.

In the final minutes Harris failed with a penalty for Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough. — Million; Stonehouse, Jones; Harris, McNeil, Yeoman; Day, McLean, Clough, Waldock, Holliday.

Luton Town. — Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Collins, Pacey; Noake, Ashworth, Turner, Groves, Legate.

Referee. — J. Powell (Rotherham)