

Luton Match Has Too Many Errors

Newcastle 4, Luton 1 ^{61/62}

AFTER gaining only one point from six League matches, Newcastle officials and players must have been thrilled to be four goals up in 48 minutes and to win by such a margin.

It seemed that the major tactical plan of both sides was to put the ball through hoping for the other fellows to make mistakes. And maybe such tactics were justified, for mistakes all over the field were far more common than one expects in a second division game played in perfect conditions.

Newcastle, who took a surprise lead in five minutes, however, showed the greater sense of urgency and were stronger in key positions of goal and centre-half. So let us credit them with value for success, though they were less impressive than in several defeats.

Luton were a collection of individuals. With wing-halves Morton and Groves, and a centre-forward of quality in Turner, they at times developed movements superior to anything else in the game—but the response was inadequate.

Change of captain

Allchurch scored the opening goal. Having been deprived of a Wales cap against England on October 14 owing to the Newcastle decision not to release players for Saturday internationals, he had asked to be relieved of the captaincy for yesterday's match.

McKinney, who became captain against Luton, has only recently come into the side owing to an injury to Keith, who would have been Ireland's right-back against Scotland next Saturday but for the club's refusal to make players available to their countries. It looks now as though Keith will be in Newcastle's Central League team when he might have been assisting Ireland.

Hughes, whose liveliness on the Newcastle right was the happiest feature of the home attack, nodded-in the second goal after 22 minutes from a Tuohy corner.

Hale scored the third seven minutes later by timing a bouncing ball better than the taller Baynham and three minutes after the interval home leader White, from a shrewd McMichael pass, scored from 18 yards.

McGuffie, the Luton inside-left who came into the side because McKechnie was unfit, scored for Luton in the 51st minute. After that everyone seemed to consider the entertainment over and those who left early saved themselves much exasperation.