

STANDEN SAVE GIVES LUTON ANOTHER CHANCE

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OBVIOUSLY conscious of their position as last season's Football League Cup finalists, Rotherham shared 90 minutes of industrious optimism with Luton last night in the second round of the current competition.

They found neither optimism nor industry a guarantee decision-winning goals and have to meet again. In the interim it seems impossible that either side will fail to spot at least one of the many weaknesses apparent in both.

Although Luton relied more on optimism than hard work, they managed to contrive an advantage in scoring chances — one from Pacey beat Morrith but rebounded from a post.

Desperation was revealed, however, when Standen ceased throwing the ball to unmarked colleagues and sent colossal kicks into the Rotherham penalty area. From one of these Lornie almost got through but missed his only chance of the night.

Too Much Covering

What power Luton did have came from Morton. He could almost be a great attacking wing-half if he didn't have to cover his fellow defenders so much.

Industry was Rotherham's theme. Webster, Bambridge and Weston covered more ground than anyone else and in Perry they surely have one of the soundest full-backs in the Second Division.

It was Houghton, though, who nearly did the thing which all Luton dreaded. He ran on to a back-headed pass from the effervescent Bambridge and cracked a shot towards goal.

But Standen made a brilliant flying save.

Luton.—Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Norton, Collins, Pacey; Fairchild, Ashworth, Lornie, Groves, Jardine.

Rotherham.—Morrith; Perry, Morgan; Lambert, Madden, Waterhouse; Webster, Kirkman, Houghton, Weston, Bambridge.