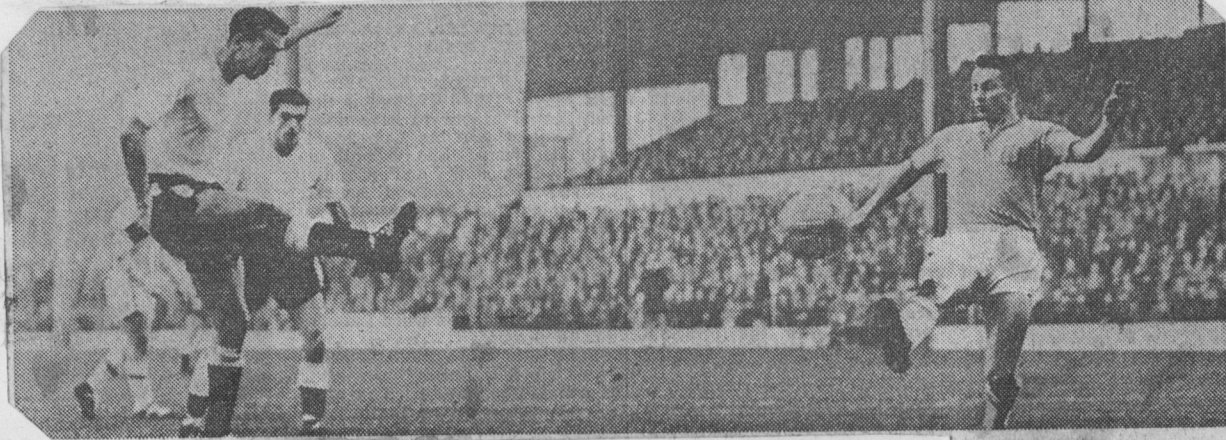
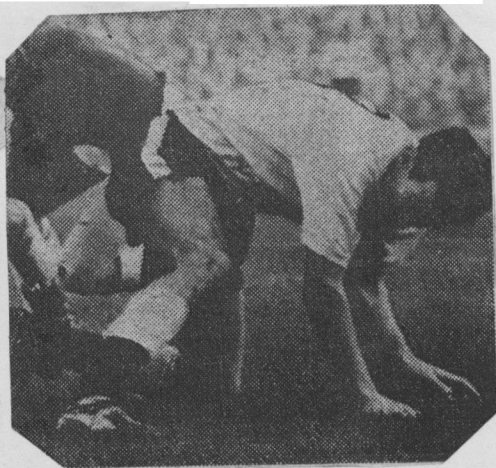


McKECHNIE
Ashworth ends up on all
fours in a mix-up in front of
the visitors' goal, in the
Town's match with Leeds
United last Saturday.—
G6562X.



Alec Ashworth lets fly with a terrific shot which spelt trouble for Leeds United at Kenilworth-road on Saturday. But luckily for the relegation-haunted visitors, the ball flew wide.—G6561X.

Dogged Luton lay a bogey

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L EEDS, for five years Luton's biggest bogey team at Kenilworth-road, threatened yesterday a continuation of the run of profitable results they have gained on the ground (writes **GRAHAM BUXTON**).

Not through any suggestion of superior football ability but because of the spoiling tactics of their defence which threw Luton's attack out of their stride completely.

Almost invariably when a constructive Luton attack developed it was brought to an end by a foul and Luton's front line, never very inspired at the start, wore a threadbare look by the end.

But luckily they had a match-winner in Roland Legate, a winger whose capabilities are so lightly regarded that he has made only a handful of first-team appearances.

He showed the way with a headed goal after eight minutes following a tearaway Leeds start in which only some brilliant saves by Jim Standen saved Luton.

Old zip

Don Revie managed to find some of his old zip after 25 minutes when with the Luton defence yielding him room he made a strong run to gain the equaliser with a cleverly-placed shot that counted as his 100th League goal.

That was almost the end of Revie's effective contribution and one wonders how long Leeds are going to embarrass that good centre-half Jack Charlton by using him at centre-forward where he looks so out of place.

So, too, do ball-playing inside forwards Bill Bremner and Noel Peyton, pressed into service as wingers.

On this evidence Leeds need a return to orthodoxy if they are to avoid the imminent threat of relegation and Luton require two more experienced forwards if they are to be a safe promotion bet.

Three goals in 18 minutes enlivened the start of the second half. Jim Fleming began the rush with a shot that dipped under the bar and two minutes later referee Reg Leafe sparked off a first-class row by awarding a penalty against Luton.

"Hands by a defender," he said afterwards, and Bremner secured the second equaliser from the spot.

It was just as well that Legate's head provided another Luton goal seven minutes afterwards.



An on-form Luton Town followed up their convincing win at Norwich the previous week by defeating Leeds United 3-2 at Kenilworth-road, on Saturday. (Above — G6559X — Legate heads the Town's first goal from a pass by Fleming). Even a controversial penalty award by referee Reg Leafe, with which Bremner levelled the scores at 2-2, failed to upset the rhythm of the Town, who scored the deciding goal five minutes later. The win puts Luton back in eighth place in the Division II table.

L UTON continued on their winning way at the expense of visiting Leeds; but it was a close thing. With Turner back at centre-forward, Luton found a new edge to their play and were in control throughout.

Leeds twice fought back from behind, but did not have sufficient punch to score an equaliser.

It was their first defeat at Kenilworth Road in six visits. Don Revie was their star, but even he could only do so much on his own.

Towards the end of the match, the Yorkshiremen strove for an equaliser and were pressing when the whistle sounded to bring their effort to nought.

LUTON—Standen 7; McNally 7; Bramwell 7; Pacey 8; Gope 7; Groves 7; Fleming 7; McKechnie 6; Turner 7; Ashworth 7; ★LEGATE 9.
LEEDS—★YOUNGER 8; Hair 6; Kilford 7; Smith 6; Goodwin 7; Bell 7; Bremner 7; Revie 7; Charlton 7; McConnell 7; Peyton 6.
Referee: R. J. Leafe (Nottingham) 7.

● Will Luton let Legate go ?

Legate scores £1,000 goals

By ALAN MANLEY

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AT least two clubs are interested in Luton outside-left Roland Legate. I suggest they make a firm offer now, for the price of this young, goal-scoring winger must leap by £1,000 every match.

After Saturday's display against Leeds (he scored twice) I would value him at £10,000.

Big talking point—apart from Legate's opportunism—was Leeds's 58th-minute penalty. After referee Reg Leafe pointed to the spot he was surrounded by protesting Luton players, and Bremner scored amid a storm of slow handclapping.

No one knew why the penalty was awarded, but Mr. Leafe said: "I saw a white-shirted defender handle."

Goals—Luton: Legate 8 minutes, 63; Fleming (56). Leeds: Revie (25). Bremner (58, penalty).