

TURNER NIPS IN TO GRAB A POINT FOR LUTON

Liverpool 1 Luton 1: by TOM ASHLEY

WHEN Ronnie Yeats, Liverpool's tall centre half, slipped and fell when challenged by Gordon Turner, Luton grabbed the point which for football skill they did not deserve. But Luton maybe deserved something because they always believed that they could salvage something from the game.

But it was a tragedy for Liverpool when Yeats stumbled so that Turner was able to go on and flash a low shot against the far post.

The ball rebounded for Ron Legate to back-heel it. Gerry Bryne and Tommy Leishman scrambled it away only for Turner to step in and zoom it into the top far corner in the 87th minute.

That was how Luton's faith in themselves was justified and, although it was a blow to Liverpool, it was nothing compared with the tragedy of the last minute of a hectic, controversial thrill-packed finale.

Liverpool stormed to the attack knowing they had only three minutes in which to gain victory—a victory which, in the first half, seemed to be theirs for the taking.

Hit the bar

Alan A'Court headed against the bar and, after several others had had a shot, Ian St. John headed the ball towards goal. With goalkeeper Jim Standen out of his ground, John Bramwell became temporary goalkeeper and handed the ball out—but referee J. R. Loyton, of Solihull, did not see it.

The Liverpool crowd went wild, but all the appeals of the Liverpool players were turned down. And Mr. Loyton was booed off the field by

fans who seemed beside themselves with rage.

In the 75th minute the referee had turned down a Liverpool claim for a goal off a Callaghan header which seemed to be sneaking just inside the far post when Brendan McNally hooked it out from under the bar.

But Liverpool had sufficient chances to make sure of winning in the first half, chances generally created by Ian St. John. They should have been four goals up at half time but had to be content with one goal, scored in the sixth minute by Kevin Lewis, deputy inside right for Roger Hunt, injured. Lewis scored off a free kick taken by Gordon Milne.

Liverpool's forwards were hesitant, much to the delight of Ronnie Cope, a tower of strength in the Town defence in which he was ably supported by Dave Pacey and reliable Jim Standen.

But towering above everyone was Yeats.

Liverpool should have given greater support to Ian Callaghan, who looked the most dangerous of the wingers, but the home side paid for a tendency to ease off in the second half against a side that never gave up the fight.

NOT WORTH IT, LUTON

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IN the dying seconds, a header of Ian St. John's was fisted out. The Liverpool crowd felt certain the fist belonged to left back Bramwell. Fortunately for Luton, writes KEN TOSSELL, the referee ruled that it was goalkeeper Standen's.

Only four minutes before, Luton had surprisingly drawn level in another goal-mouth melee. Gordon Turner crashing the ball home after Yeats had slipped.

Up to this moment Luton had never looked worth even a point.

Once McNally cleared a Lewis drive off the line, and Pacey headed out a Milne shot from another empty net.

Lewis was Liverpool's scorer in the fifth minute, but it could have been so many more!