



PACEY

Above, a flying header by Luton's **PACEY** clears the ball from the goal area after goalkeeper Standen had been beaten

Liverpool 1, Luton 1.

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"WE wuz robbed" is a boxing phrase one can apply with some justification to this remarkable game at Anfield, where Liverpool made terribly hard work of what appeared to be an easy assignment.

Home supporters will argue Liverpool were robbed, and I am inclined to agree with them on the point that at least they should have had a last-minute chance to clinch the victory with a penalty.

As Liverpool stormed to the attack, having had the lead established by stand-in Lewis at the sixth minute wiped out by that opportunist Turner in 87 minutes, they had every man except goalkeeper Slater up.

A'Court headed against the bar and the ball came out for Callaghan and St. John to both try and force the ball through.

The ball was dropping just under the bar with goalkeeper Standen nowhere around when an arm shot up and it was an arm clothed in white.

The ball was palmed away, but the referee overruled all Liverpool's claims for a penalty which I am convinced should have been theirs.

Liverpool and their fans will also claim that they scored a perfectly good goal before Turner equalised.

It was an effort by Callaghan which was dropping just inside the far post when McNally contrived to clear off the line.

The referee was surrounded by Liverpool players claiming the ball was over, and the spectators on Liverpool's kop clamoured that the ball was over.

Well, there could not have been much in it, and all credit must go to McNally for his quick-

ness and to Luton for the gallant manner in which they fought back.

Luton gained few honours offensively, but how splendid they were defensively!

Cope, in particular, refused to be upset by the wiles of the tricky St. John, and was rarely drawn out of position in the manner in which so many pivots have been when opposing Scotland's leader.

There was nothing showy about the ex-Manchester United player, who was quite content to rely upon efficiency instead of elegance.

Few wing-halves have controlled Melia, Liverpool's prime constructionist, with the skill such as that shown by Pacey; and Lewis, Liverpool's substitute inside-forward, could make little progress against Groves in the second half.

LIVERPOOL.—Slater 8; White 6, Byrne 8; Milne 6, ★YEATS 9, Leishman 7; Callaghan 6, Lewis 7, St. John 8, Melia 6, A'Court 6.

LUTON.—Standen 8; McNally 7, Bramwell 6; Pacey 8, ★COPE 9, Groves 8; Fleming 5, McKeonnie 7, Turner 8, Ashworth 8, Legate 6.

Referee: J. Loynton (Solihull) 5.



Liverpool centre-forward and Scottish international, Ian St. John, takes the ball past Luton goalkeeper Jim Standen, but right-back Brendan McNally is in close attendance to prevent the

League leaders from scoring on this occasion.