

LUTON HAD NO GUILF

Luton 0. Stoke 0

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LUTON'S biggest Saturday crowd of the season came to see Stanley Matthews. But what should have been a big occasion flopped because Matthews was a pale shadow of his former self and flitted only occasionally into the game.

After 25 minutes Stoke unashamedly went on to the defensive in completely negative fashion. They were content to pack their penalty area and make sure that Luton found no scoring opening.

Luton contributed to their own downfall because they lacked a constructive inside forward with the ability to hold the ball. They fell easy victims to this stonewall defence, and they could not create anything in the nature of a clear-cut opening.

When they did reach a shooting position O'Neill was there in brilliant form to foil them.

The game fizzled out in disappointing fashion as Stoke gave up all thought of attack in the last half hour.

Luton : Standen; McNally, Bramwell;
Pacey, Cope, Groves; Walden, Ashworth,
Turner, McKechnie, Legate.
Stoke : O'Neill, Asprey, Allen; Howitt,
Andrew, Skeels; Matthews, Mudie, Bullock,
Thompson, Ratcliffe.
Referee : H. Horner (Coventry).