

Defensive Slip Lets In Turner For Luton

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Luton 1, Newcastle 0

THIS was a rough, tough match, in which Luton profited from what luck was going to win by a goal scored by Turner in the 70th minute. But neither side will derive much satisfaction from the game.

Although they got both points, Luton showed few creative ideas, while Newcastle tried at times to be too clever. This proved fatal on a hard, compact ground where a strong wind made ball control difficult.

The first half was mostly a story of faulty passing and obstruction. Luton were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty in the 21st min., when McKinney brought down McKechnie. They were unlucky again in the 37th min. when McKinney headed a rocket from Fleming off the goalline.

Newcastle had been moving sweetly enough in mid-field, and at times Thomas, though followed everywhere by Cope, showed why Newcastle paid £45,000 for him.

In the second half it was Luton's turn to enjoy the luck. By now Newcastle were clearly the better side, but they hit a post three times—Tuohy in the 56th min., Thomas (86 mins.) and Tuohy again in the dying seconds.

Luton's goal came in one of their rare periods of pressure when a defensive blunder allowed McKechnie to put Turner clear with a deft nod, and Turner was able to pick his spot in the net.

Luton : Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Groves, Cope, Pacey; Fleming, Turner, McKechnie, Lownds, Walden.

Newcastle : Hollins; McKinney, McMichael; Neale, Thompson, Bell; Suddick, Kerray, Thomas, Allchurch, Tuohy.

Referee : M. A. Fussey (Retford).