

# CLOSE-PASSING LUTON HAVE ONLY THEMSELVES TO BLAME

Scunthorpe 2 Luton 0: by DONALD WRIGHT

SCUNTHORPE UNITED showed a marked improvement on their previous three matches, shaking off the stale look they seemed to have acquired, to complete a well-merited double over Luton. In doing so, they kept up their challenge for second place to Liverpool in the table, but to succeed with their promotion hopes they cannot afford to waste so many chances as they had in this game.

The score in their favour should have at least been trebled, but in the second half the forwards wasted their opportunities with surprising nonchalance. Centre-forward John Kaye was the biggest offender, too often shooting wide with the splendid opportunities his colleagues created for him.

Luton, who were slow and laboured in the first half, offered more resistance in the second, but they seldom looked like scoring.

For one thing they worked too close, passing and repassing the ball and giving the home defenders ample time to cover up. The only powerful shot to come from their forward line was inside-left Ashworth's drive which Jones brilliantly saved near the end.

Scunthorpe's incisive raids in the first half were bound to bring success despite the capital display of Ron Baynham in the Luton goal.

Johnny McGuigan, the game's most skilful forward, headed his side into the lead after 32 minutes and two minutes later John Kaye scored the second.

Inside-right Ken Hodgson had

been unlucky earlier in not scoring but as the match progressed he became almost as wild as Kaye in his finishing.

Although Luton made more impression with their midfield play in the second half, they still failed to match the swifter penetration of the home forwards. Jack Marriott put over a constant stream of centres from the right wing, while Arthur Thorpe, promoted from the reserves, had a useful game.

Luton were best served by their wing-halves and by outside-left Harry Walden, who roamed all over the field trying to get his side into the game.

But because the Luton defence was so easily penetrated the match gave Scunthorpe just about their easiest home win of the season.