

Luton's new fire shocks Liverpool

Luton 1 Liverpool 0 : by GRAHAM BUXTON

LUTON, showing a new brand of fight and determination, shocked Division II leaders Liverpool yesterday. Only four wonder saves by goalkeeper Jimmy Furnell kept the score down.

In no way did Liverpool look like League leaders. Their much-vaunted attack, sprinkled with internationals, was outsmarted at every turn by a Luton defence that has found soundness since the recall of Terry Kelly to centre half.

This long-serving player celebrated his 100th League appearance by subduing Ian St. John, Scotland's centre forward, who was under the critical eye of Ian McColl, the Scottish team manager.

Nor did ace marksman Roger Hunt, who seemed to have one eye cocked on Wednesday's international, make any impression on a Luton defence that never left the slightest gap.

Signs that things were far from well were evident in the second half when they began switching

their attack, but even this failed to make the slightest impression on Luton's close-covering defence.

They needed too many passes to make too little ground and failed to pull the Luton defence out of position.

Outstanding were former Everton left back John Bramwell, who never put a foot wrong and Dave Pacey who had another great game.

Pacey scored the vital goal in the 13th minute with a neatly flicked header from a free kick by Jim Fleming, the best Luton forward. Fleming must be considered for the Scottish Under-23 team now.

Fleming outplayed Byrne and both Alec Ashworth and Gordon Turner missed easy chances from his scheming.

Yet Ashworth and Turner were the ones who suffered from the brilliance of Furnell whose height enabled him to make some incredible saves.

On the other hand, Luton goalkeeper Jim Standen was never in trouble, which was surprising in view of the reputation of the Liverpool forward line.

Perhaps Luton played above themselves but they make a habit of taking points from promotion teams. They have had three from Liverpool this season and did the double over Ipswich last season.