

LUTON MISS PENALTY

Luton 1, Sunderland 2

A HIGH-POWERED second half forward display by Sunderland brought them a well-earned win to keep their promotion hopes alive, yet Luton had a golden chance to grab a point from a penalty.

Taking it, ace marksman Turner blazed the ball to the left of Montgomery, but the goalkeeper flung himself to the side and managed to beat it out. A great save. The penalty award, in the 75th minute, came four minutes after Harvey had put Sunderland ahead with a terrific drive from the edge of the penalty area.

At that point Sunderland, without Anderson, on England duty, and Hurley injured, were giving the Luton defence a pasting. Overfield, a 48th minute scorer, and Clough drove in shots from all angles and only the agility of Standen kept the score down.

Generally, Luton had little to offer, although Clarke, playing only his second senior game, showed up well. The Luton goal, a rather fortunate affair, came after seven minutes, Montgomery going the wrong way to a half-hit shot by Pacey, which just trickled over the line.