



● Luton centre forward Gordon Turner flicks a header at goal but 17-year-old Gareth Sprake is there to save for Leeds.

LUTON FIGHT BACK BUT MUST FIND A 'KILLER' MARKSMAN

Luton 2 Leeds 2: by GRAHAM BUXTON

DON REVIE, the Leeds manager, left Luton convinced that his team would have had a clear-cut win but for the bad luck of having inside right Bill Bremner injured after 35 minutes. Although he returned as outside right for the second half he was much of a passenger.

And even though John Charles was missing from the line-up, the Leeds front line moved smoothly in the opening phase. Obviously Revie, himself a class inside man, has schooled his team well and most clubs would be glad to include a player of the class of Bobby Collins.

After Jim Storrie had missed a chance laid on by Collins, he scored from a similar one after 14 minutes, and nine minutes later Collins lobbed Leeds beautifully into a two goals lead.

Crisis faced Luton at that stage. Newcomer Danny Clapton shone and Walden was impressive on the other wing, but there was a complete lack of drive in the inside forward positions.

Yet manager Bill Harvey saw a glimmer of hope in the second half when Luton had a great deal of the play, but lacked the killing instinct at close quarters.

Luton are scouring the country for an inside forward and until they secure one they will continue to struggle.

Gordon Turner was playing something of a lone hand, but it was he who put Luton back into the game from the penalty spot six minutes from half-time when Reaney pulled down Walden.

In the second half Leeds set out to hold their lead with their defenders packing their penalty area and being helped by the liking of the Luton inside-forwards for running with the ball.

Continually they ran into trouble through ignoring the elementary rule of making use of the ball quickly and utilising the open spaces.

The result was overcrowding in the Leeds penalty area, and few clear-cut openings created. Such as did appear were wasted by indecision in front of goal, and 17-year-old goalkeeper Gerry Sprake made a big impression.

So too did Jack Charlton, back in his old centre-half spot, and it was a tribute to Turner that he managed to be as dangerous as he was.

With time running out and, in fact, only two minutes left, Luton launched a final full-scale attack.

Cliff Mason handled a few yards outside the penalty area, and he was booked by the referee for time wasting before the kick was taken.

From it, the ball went to Turner and he only half-hit his shot.

In the direct line of flight was Luton right-back Brendan McNally.

The ball struck him on the leg and rebounded over the line for as lucky and as valuable a goal as Luton will score this season.