

TURNER GIVES 10-MAN LUTON MUCH-NEEDED VICTORY

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Luton Town 4 Middlesbrough 3

HARRY WALDEN, the Luton right-winger, was carried off the field on a duckboard with badly damaged ligaments in his right leg at Kenilworth Road last night. It was a wretched end to one of the finest games this slim former Kettering player has had for the Second Division club.

But his 10 colleagues, having lost a three-goal lead, not only held rejuvenated Middlesbrough in the final half-hour, but snatched a winner seven minutes from the end.

Walden had made the night a miserable affair for Gordon Jones, Middlesbrough's stylish England Under-23 left-back. But in the 57th minute another long, meandering run by the Luton forward came to a sudden halt against the hard frame of Yeoman.

A stretcher was called for, officials and an ambulance man scurried about frantically, and, three minutes after the accident, a duckboard and a bench were produced. The duckboard was chosen, and Walden was carried off.

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Stretcher locked up

Boos and slow handclaps greeted, rightly, this monumental piece of inefficiency. The only stretcher on the ground was, apparently, locked up. The unfortunate Walden, moreover, is to be married this Saturday.

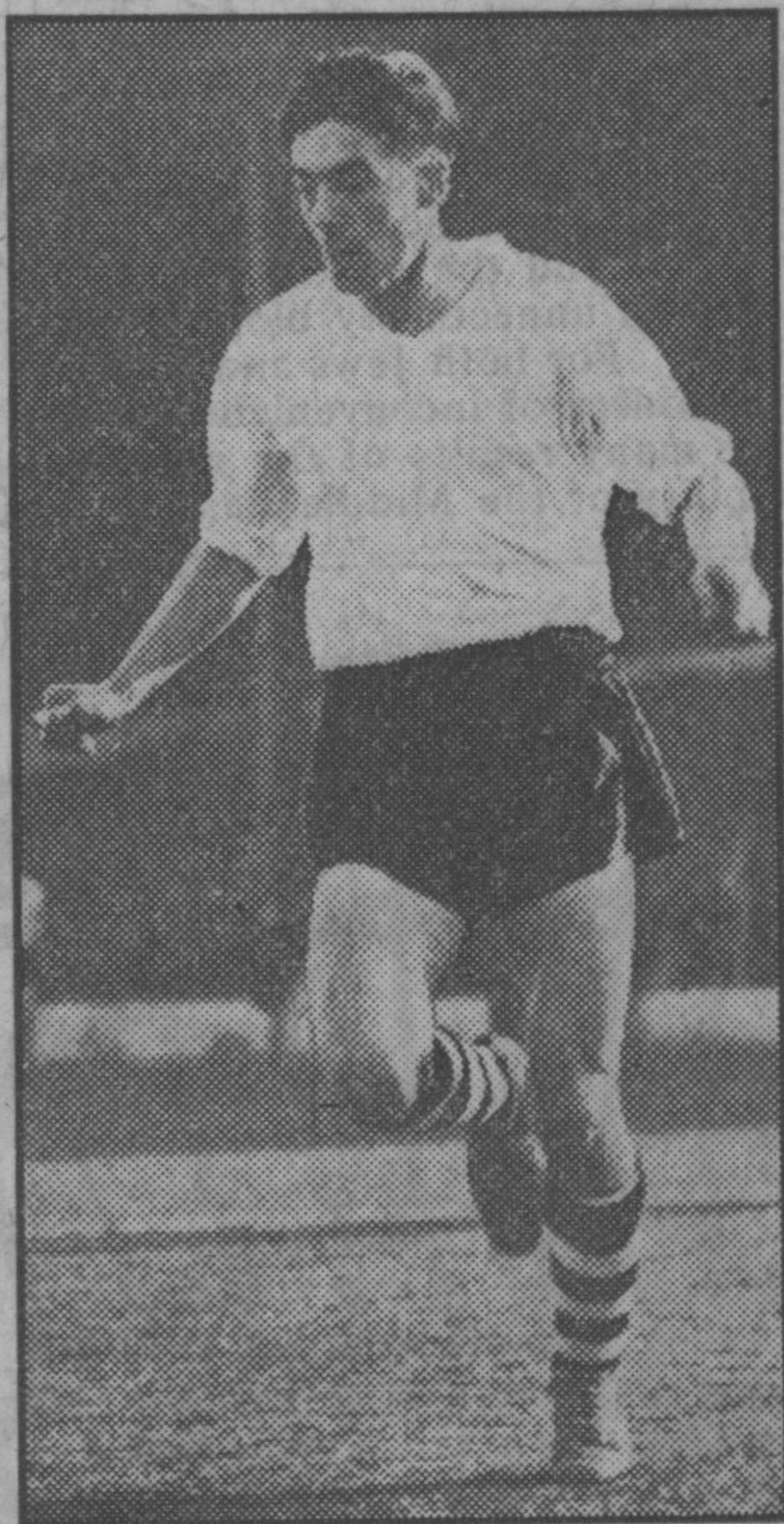
Luton, in a desperate plight at the foot of the Second Division, deserved their narrow win. Two goals in a minute, by Goldie and Lornie, put Luton ahead after 16 minutes and, right on the stroke of half time, Turner added a third.

But Middlesbrough took charge immediately after the interval, and Orritt (50th), and the gallant Peacock (52nd and 70th), pulled them right back into the game.

Seven minutes from the end, however, a tremendous volley by Turner restored Luton's lead once again; and, this time, their courage enabled them to hang on.

Luton: Baynham; Daniel, Bramwell; Pacey, Kelly, Lownds; Walden, Davies, Goldie, Turner, Lornie.

Middlesbrough: Lightning; Chapman, Jones; Yeoman Nurse, McNeil; Kaye, Harris, Peacock, Orritt, Povey.



Turner, who scored the Luton winner in the 83rd minute.