

A good buy,

Fincham

63/64

Luton 1, Walsall 0

THERE was little of the crusading spirit about this meeting of relegated teams. From the start Walsall set the pattern of things to come by concentrating on defence and over-much use of the offside trap.

Luton contributed their share to the state of things because their defence was dour, too, with new recruit Fincham in great form, particularly in the air.

On balance, Luton just about deserved the points because of their great constructive ability in mid-field, but neither team shone in front of goal.

The decisive goal came after 26 minutes when Turner swung at a pass from Walden, and White could only watch the ball go just inside the post. Walsall's stroke of bad luck came early in the second half when Fell banged the ball against the post.

With Hodgkisson hobbling for most of the second half, Fell was Walsall's best forward.

McPherson was carried off with concussion four minutes from the end, but he had done a great job in a defence that will tame most Third Division attacks.

Luton Town: Baynham; Daniel, Bramwell; Morton, Fincham, Pacey; Walden, Turner, Davies, Salisbury, Jardine.

Walsall: White; Palin, Sharples; Dudley, McPherson, Wills; Meek, Hodgkisson, Foster, Newton, Fell.

Referee: S. Yates (Bristol).