



● Luton goalkeeper Ron Baynham races to intercept as Watford left winger George Harris shapes to shoot after bursting past two defenders at Vicarage-road.

LUTON MAKE BRIGHT START BUT MISS THEIR CHANCES

Watford 2 Luton 0: by ROBERT BLAIR

NOT since 1937 had these two sides met in a Third Division match. Then 27,000—a League attendance record for Watford—saw Luton win. Watford won yesterday's encounter convincingly. But the match itself was far from what was expected of a local derby.

It began promisingly but after the interval drifted into a dismal affair with both sides doing a lot of fruitless chasing. Both defences were on top and the 13,000 crowd had to wait 40 minutes before there was any score.

Bobby Howfield put Watford in front in the first half and George Harris got another goal in the second half.

Luton, with £5,000 new signing Ray Smith from Northampton in the forward line, began competently.

They had Watford at full stretch in the opening minutes, but failed to make the most of their scoring opportunities.

Smith, Salisbury and McKechnie combined well for Luton and often found a way through Watford's defence. McKechnie was unlucky to see a shot of his hit the foot of a post.

Watford settled down and looked the more dangerous. Centre-forward Charlie Livesey broke away and beat two defenders but his final pass to Harris on the wing went astray.

Watford continued to attack and in the 40th minute Oliver clipped the ball back for Howfield to shoot past former England goalkeeper Ron Baynham.

Watford set the pace in the second half and went further ahead through Harris.

In the closing minutes Livesey zig-zagged past a string of Luton defenders only to see his shot go wide of a post.

Luton, who still await their first away win, made a late rally but Watford held out.