

Watford do just 63/64 enough

Watford 2, Luton T. 0

Local derbys are notoriously disappointing. This first meeting for 26 years between the only Football League clubs in Herts and Beds was no exception. From first to last Watford's largest home gate of the season were witness to a kick-about, bordering on the aimless, and relieved only by the excellence of the home side's two goals and a late, but unproductive, burst of endeavour.

Howfield got the first goal with a low drive from Oliver's astute centre after 41 minutes. Fourteen minutes after the interval one-time international keeper Baynham obstructed Livesey. But the progressive Watford spearhead managed to switch the ball to Harris who drove into a crowded goalmouth and under Baynham's despairing dive.

A little flurry of all too rare excitement saw a probing shot from Harris strike the bar after being diverted by Baynham's arm. This let-off for Luton counteracted a first-half slice of good fortune Watford enjoyed when McKechnie's effort hit a post.

Clearly Luton will need more than Smith—signed during the week from Northampton, to propel them to safety.