



David Pleat, the Town's new winger from Nottingham Forest, in the thick of things against Colchester United at Kenilworth-road on Wednesday night, shortly after the transfer was completed.—R9561B.

## Pleat makes instant hit

Luton .....3 Colchester ...1

**F**OR 19-year-old David Pleat, yesterday was quite a day. With his father's approval, he joined Luton from Nottingham Forest just before the kick off, and immediately won the hearts of the crowd.

But it was left to McKechnie to lay the foundation of victory.

McKechnie's goals came in the 11th and 48th minutes and he also clipped the outside of the post. Colchester hit back by a goal from Stark, who earlier had his name taken for protesting to the referee. Colchester had two goals disallowed, but did not deserve a point.

Gordon Riddick's goal ten minutes from time underlined the superiority of Luton, who were held for long periods by Colchester strong men Duncan Forbes and John Fowler.

**FAIR PLAY:** Luton 75%, Colchester 65%.

**Luton:** Baynham; McBain, Brameell; Pacey, Fincham, Lowndes; Pleat, McKechnie, Riddick, Reid, Whittaker.

**Colchester:** Ames; Griffiths, Fowler; Trevis, Forbes, Docherty; Grice, Salisbury, Connolly, Stark, Aitchison.



Gordon Riddick clashes with the Colchester United centre-half in the opening match at Kenilworth-road on Wednesday night. A crowd of just under 10,000 saw the Town win 3-1 and so