

Dead-shot Pacey inspires Luton 64/6

Luton Town 2 Oldham 0: by GRAHAM BUXTON

ON a skating rink of a pitch Luton's no-frills tactics paid off and seasoned campaigner Dave Pacey pointed the way with his shoot-on-sight example that had Oldham floundering.

This time Luton's young forwards did not fail them, and with a little better balancing in front of goal they could have had a big win.

The conditions were probably responsible for the foul Alan Williams committed on Tommy McKechnie in the ninth minute. McKechnie was badly shaken, but he got up to ram home the penalty kick.

Meanwhile Pacey had been doing his own brand of shooting from the 20-yard mark. Once he hit a post, then missed by inches, and finally hit the jackpot in the 27th minute when the ball crossed the line after hitting the bar.

Oldham were loud in their

protests, but the linesman kept his flag up and referee Ken Stokes awarded the goal.

Some of Oldham's attacks were built up intelligently and effectively, but though they had a few good chances there never seemed any real danger that the Luton lead would disappear or even be cut.

As Oldham manager Les McDowall said: "We played well enough but forgot the end product—goals."

Had there been a little more steadiness in front of goal Luton could have gone on to a crushing victory in the second half when David Pleat turned on the heat.

Luton trainer-coach Charlie Watkins said afterwards: "On the form we can beat many teams. Maybe he was thinking about Sunderland, next Saturday's Cup opponents."