

HULL ARE SLOW OFF THE MARK

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Hull 3, Luton 1

FOR more than an hour Hull dominated but did not destroy. The ball was seldom out of Luton's half of the field, and not often out of their penalty area.

But intelligent keeping by Tinsley, desperate tackling by Pacey, Reid and Jardine, plus wretched finishing kept the score down to Chilton's graceful header. Chilton and Wagstaff hit the crossbar, Houghton might have had a penalty, Tinsley so narrowed the angle that several shots hit him and it seemed that Luton would escape a drubbing not only because of their excellent defence but because the bounce of the ball was in their favour.

Then, in the space of two minutes, Houghton, with an intelligent swerve and a shot into the net when everyone expected a pass, and the dashing Wagstaff, put Hull three goals ahead with only 15 minutes left.

Tension ended

That ended the tension. Hull began to play championship football and Luton took more time with their passing. The result was that O'Rourke got the ball into the Hull net twice, once after it had run out of play by a hair's breadth and the second time when, unmarked, he swept McKechnie's pass into goal.

Except in shooting Hull looked good enough to stay on top of Div. III though their defence was seldom tested. Luton, apart from letting their best moves break down with a careless final pass played too well to stay at the bottom of the table.

Hull: Williams; Davidson, D. Butler; Collinson, Milner, Summers, McSeveney, Wagstaff, Chilton, Houghton, I. Butler.

Luton: Tinsley; McBain, Jardine; Gibson, Pacey, Reid; Pleat, Phillips, O'Rourke, Riddick, McKechnie.