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Tension and over-anxiety, so closely related to the struggle against relegation, were only too plainly apparent at the start. Yet these struggling teams contrived to put on an exhibition which kept the crowd in a constant state of excitement.

Phillips put Luton ahead in the 14th minute, but Bettany equalised almost immediately and Barnsley could well have snatched a lead. No one was prepared for the happenings of the second half when Luton, after a tardy start, suddenly took command.

A goal by McKechnie sparked it all off and then came a spell of three goals in eight minutes through McKechnie, Phillips and O'Rourke. By the end Barnsley were completely demoralised and lucky to escape so lightly.

Luton.—Tinsley; Barton, Jardine; Gibson, Fincham, Reid; Pleat; O'Rourke, Phillips, McKechnie, Harber.

Barnsley.—Williamson; Murphy, Brookes; Swallow, Winstanley, Abby; Sheavills, Bettany, Byrne, Kerr, O'Hara.
