

Brilliant recovery by Luton

Luton 2 Newport County 1: by ROY HOROBIN

THE intrepid souls who made the journey to Kenilworth Road yesterday—there were 4,899 of them—were rewarded with a great second-half recovery by Luton. They pulled up from a goal down to snatch a very close victory.

Newport's best player was David Jones out on the left wing. He played a great part in Newport's goal and was a source of trouble to Luton's right back, Bobby Thomson, throughout.

In the 20th minute Newport went ahead with a great goal. Their amateur international centre forward Graham Reynolds, a schoolmaster, flicked the ball to Jones and the left winger rounded Thomson, drew the goalkeeper, and then centred low for Ken Morgan—a survivor of the Manchester United air crash—to head a picture goal.



As the game progressed there was little to lighten the Luton gloom but eight minutes after the interval they equalised with a penalty. Len Weare, the Newport goalkeeper, smothered a point-blank shot from Jimmy Gibson, and the ball rebounded to McKechnie who was brought down unfairly. The referee Mr. J. R. Osborne, had no hesitation in awarding a penalty, from which the inside left, John Reid, scored.

Seven minutes later Luton went into the lead. A loose ball was lobbed into the centre and John Moore, racing up to the edge of the penalty area, scored with a hard low shot taken on the full volley.

After 70 minutes the Newport inside left, Len Hill, went off with a leg injury and John Frowen came on as substitute.