

LUTON HAD ALL BUT LUCK

LUTON can consider themselves unlucky in losing. Throughout they looked the better team and deserved at least a draw.

But the real master in this game was the pitch.

Neither side could control the ball on a hard, bumpy ground and players found it impossible to keep their feet on the frozen snow.

Luton settled down better than Crewe in the first half.

Their forward line with Whittaker and Read the stars had the Crewe defence in difficulties while the Crewe raids fell victim to the offside trap of their solid defence.

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Crewe 2

Luton 0

scoring for Luton with a great drive in the 14th minute which skimmed the post with Mailey well beaten.

Later, Whittaker hustled his way through the Crewe defence only to have his shot kicked off the line by full back Marshall.

In the fortieth minute Luton winger French was booked by referee Richards, who kept a firm hand on the game throughout.

In the second half the

play repeated the pattern of the first with misdirected passes and wild kicking.

Neither side seemed likely to score when Barry Wheatley surprised everybody by slipping the ball to Sandiford who pushed it into the net.

Crewe's play improved somewhat after this, and ten minutes later Wheatley took a pass from Kane and drove the ball into the corner past 'keeper Tinsley.

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