

All defence by Luton

Darlington 1, Luton 0

IN the first half Luton's utter dedication to defence was understandable, for this is accepted form these days in a battle between fellow-promotion contenders—but after Darlington had scored Luton still held back and never looked like saving a point.

Darlington must take some credit for this, however, for in Yeoman, Jacques and Ratcliffe they had a dominant half-back line, ably backed up by the hard-running Sproates.

In attack Hutchinson never looked like adding to his goal haul, but he did have the satisfaction of providing Cummings with his 25th goals of the season.

After 48 minutes the ubiquitous Sproates won the ball and switched it to McGeachieon—on it went to Hutchinson for him to cross perfectly to Cummings, who headed it firmly past Tinsley.

Worthy winner

It was the best move of the match and brought a worthy winner, but with such marked superiority Darlington should have won more convincingly.

Woods marshalled his defence with great skill, and although under constant pressure he made sure that Tinsley was not overworked.

So Darlington consolidated their position at the top of the table. And just to complete a happy day for them the club settled their differences with manager Lol Morgan, who has now accepted a new two-year contract.

Darlington : Moor; Peverell. Keeble; Yeoman. Jacques. Ratcliffe; McGeachie. Hutchinson. Cummings. Sproates. O'Neill.

Luton : Tinsley; Thomson, Edwards; Slough. Woods, Moore; French. Riddick. Rivers. Reid. Whittaker.

Referee : K. Dagnall (Bolton).