

EXETER 2, LUTON 1

LUTON set off looking as if they would score their first away win of the season. But their attacks bounced off a solid City defence and when their spirits slumped the durable Devon men took command.

Luton opened the scoring. In the 36th minute with Exeter defenders for once in a mess, Gordon Riddick came racing in to crash the ball into an empty net.

Exeter soon struck back. From the kick-off the ball was slipped through to striker Ray Elliott who steered his shot well wide of Ron Swan. Luton tried to force their way back, but could not find the formula to unlock Exeter's defence again.

Wasted

In the second-half Luton lost their snap. Exeter's half-backs set up a stream of chances—but no one in the forward line looked capable of taking them.

It was not until the 70th minute that Keeley scored the winning goal from a penalty.

Although they had no fire power, Luton's attack mover smoothly in midfield. And centre-half Max Dougan has obviously done a lot towards steadying the defence.

EXETER CITY: Smout 8; Embery 8, Ley 8, Wilkinson 8, Harford 8; ***THOMPSON** 9, Stuckey 5; Elliott 7, Lyon 5, Kelley 5, Smith 5.

LUTON TOWN: Swan 7; Thomson 7, Jardine 7, Slough 7, ***DOUGAN** 8; Moore 7, French 7; Kevan 6, Riddick 6, Rioch 6, Johnson 5.

Referee: C. Thomas (Treorchy) 7.