

Luton bring back points —at last

Notts County 1, Luton 2

THIS was Luton's first away league or Cup victory since last April—23 attempts before success.

It was glaringly obvious that these lowly sides need complete reconstruction. Above all, the requirement is for at least one front line player with the ability to control the ball and set up some rhythm.

There could be no excuses for the endless succession of misdirected passes and failures near goal.

Bates promised well but lacked support. It was a sad sight to see Kevan, once an England player, as out of tune as all the rest. Luton's other inside-forward, King, matched Bates for individual industry.

Gift goal

Harkin gave County the lead in 33 minutes when the massed Luton defence failed to clear a corner.

Upton, with the assistance of goalkeeper Cargill, presented the visitors with the first goal when he hit a rising back pass over the head of the tiny keeper.

Hesitancy by Cargill also provided King with the opportunity to snatch the winner eight minutes later and with only four minutes to go.

Notts County : Cargill ; Hampton, Thompson ; Coates, Needham, Gibson ; Bates, Smith, Upton, Harkin, Beresford.

Luton : Swan ; Thomson, Jardine ; Riddick, Dougan, Slough ; French, Kevan, Moore, King, Whittaker.

Referee : J. K. Taylor (Wolverhampton).