

Luton's hero is Rioch

Luton 3, York 1

WITHOUT realising their true potential, Luton are creeping up the League and will assuredly be in the forefront when the honours are decided.

First, though, a considerable financial outlay seems to be necessary to counteract the handicap of a cartilage injury to centre-forward Gren.

McDermont, switched into the middle from right-half, did a reasonable job, without suggesting that he can take permanent charge of the possession, and it is a problem that will have to be tackled speedily.

The trouble is that manager Allan Brown has been asked five-figure fees for the two leader he fancies and that sort of money is hard to come by for a Division VI club.

Scrappy match

However, Luton have one undoubted asset in Rioch, 20, who was the winner of this rather scrappy match and whose impressive performance was watched by emissaries from Manchester City, West Ham and Fulham.

A brilliant piece of solo play by him wiped out the shock lead given York by McDougall. This was the only positive result achieved by the York forwards who had sufficient chances to have increased their scanty store of points.

The longer the game went on the more relentless did the Luton pressure become and their victory was sealed seven minutes from the end by the inevitable Rioch. Earlier Whittaker converted a penalty for a foul on Rioch.

Luton: Read; Hare, Jardine; Dougan, Branston, Moore; French, Allen, McDermont, Rioch, Whittaker.

York: Fallon; Baker, Turner; Walker, Jackson, Burrows; Alderson, McDougall, Spencer, Hawksby, Horrey.

Referee: R. Tinkler (Boston).