

Barnsley

lose lead

with 'long

shot' goal

BARNESLEY had 20-year-old Worsbrough Bridge plumber Peter Graham leading the attack in place of injured Barrie Thomas for this afternoon's tough game against promotion chasing Luton.

Brian Steer



Luton went straight on to the attack and Brookes and Howard cleared a couple of dangerous situations in the first minute.

THE TEAMS

BARNESLEY.—Ironside; Murphy, Brookes; Bettany, Winstanley, Howard; Earnshaw, Hobson, Graham, Taylor, Hempstead. Subst. Booth.

LUTON.—Read; Dougan, Jardine; Slough, Branston, Moore; Ryan, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Subst.: McDermont.

Referee: R. Tinkler (Boston).

In the next move upfield by the visitors Buxton was caught off-side and at the other end Moore cut out a neat ball from Graham intended for Earnshaw.

With the game nine minutes old Murphy conceded the first corner but when the flag kick came over Branston flicked it high over the goal.

Let-off

Taylor and Bettany were striving to get Barnsley moving but it was still Luton making the running.

Barnsley had a let-off after 12 minutes when Allen fired in an angled shot which Ironside pushed out for a corner. Ryan's flag kick was nodded on by Branston to Buxton who popped his header against the face of the bar.

Four minutes later came Parnsley's best move so far when Bettany fed Earnshaw a delightful ball out on the left.

The winger's square pass was pushed out but Taylor met it 25 yards out with a shot which curled wide.

Then in 20 minutes, Barnsley took the lead, slightly against the run of play.

Earnshaw, back on his wing, dropped a curling cross into the box where HAMSTEAD leaped high to beat Branston and head into the top corner.

Barnsley tore into the game with new heart and Bettany had a full-blooded drive charged down 12 yards out. Winstanley moved up for a corner from Hamstead which beat the entire Luton defence but was inches away from making contact.

Seconds before the half-time whistle Brookes went within inches of notching an own goal when he headed out for a corner. As it was it brought Luton the equaliser for the ball was never properly cleared and RIOCH lashed it home from fully 35 yards.

Half-time.—Barnsley ... 1
Luton 1

There was a sensational opening to the second half when RYAN put Luton in front in the 46th minute with a header from a left wing cross.

But Barnsley were not finished, and in the 48th minute BETTANY levelled matters.