

LUTON PUT UP THE SHUTTERS

Barrow 0, Luton 0

NOT having conceded a goal in their two previous games Luton could scarcely be blamed for wanting to make it three in a row. Their tactics put Barrow out of their stride, and the match finished as a very damp squib.

The real dampener for Luton was when Rioch missed scoring what could only have been the winning goal with all but the last kick of the game. Else had been drawn from the goal, but Rioch's shot from close range sailed wide.

Despite efforts by McLean and Mulholland, plus a burst or two from Ellison, Barrow were never quite able to master the "no ceremony" defence of Luton.

Long kicks

After half-time Barrow had to thank Else on one or two occasions as the bright sun and Luton's long kicks spelled trouble.

Constructive football came in snatches. Luton's Sheffield was too well marked to be really effective and only Slough had a good game for Luton.

A series of petty fouls marred the play, and McLean had his name taken. Both he and Branston were casualties near the end, but they recovered to play on. The crowd had very little over which to enthuse. They saw the goalless draw as a sorry end to an afternoon on which the only really bright thing was the sun.

Barrow: Else; Mallon, Edwards; Harrison, Arrowsmith, Bebbington; Riley, Ellison, McLean, Mulholland, McCarthy.

Luton: Read; Dugan, Jardine; Allen, Branstone, Slough; Brown, Lewis, Sheffield, Rioch, Whittaker.

Referee: H. Williams (Sheffield).