Town only two points from top



Brian Lewis shoots and its 3-1 to Luton as the Barrow goalkeeper can't get down fast enough

SEE WHAT YOU can do if you try. Luton Town last night swept to within two points of top pair Watford and Swindon after embarking on their biggest Third Division scoring spree since they beat Barnsley by a similar margin last summer.

They shook off Saturday's cobwebs and answered the call for goals in a spirit which might in itself win them promotion. The final issue could well depend on goal-average.

was Luton's tenth match without defeat. And it was the one that could make all the difference when we come to the final

reckoning. Not that Luton looked a wonder-side. They gave a performance professional against a Barrow side that had little to offer and, in fact, never looked like getting anything, except a share of the gate, out of their 600-mile round trip.

Barrow were content to sit back and try to play construc-

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Luton 5, Barrow 1 by ROGER DUCKWORTH

corner back across the face of the goal.

Five minutes later Lewis calmly turned in a Rioch centre for the fifth.

The Town defence had a more solid look about it with Branston, Moore, Slough and Bannister all impressing.

on to an advantage. After their first goal they went through a rocky patch that took a goal by Barrow to shake off. Champur pions give nothing away.

The slip

Then again, near the end, McCarthy gave the Town McCarthy gave the Town defence the slip and hit a post defence the slip and hit a post after chipping the ball over Davie's head. Had he scored, most of Luton's good work would have been in vain, and their goal average from the match would have been little better than a 2-0 win.

Stick at it Luton, and you can

win this division. But any lapse at all at this stage could signal

the end of your chances. Among the managers watching last night's game were Frank O'Farrell (Leicester), Arthur Turner (Oxford United) and Ken Furphy (Watford).

Furphy left after seeing Luton score their fourth goal . . French received a knock on the thigh and left the field towards the end to be substituted by Fred Jardine. He should be fit for Saturday At should be fit for Saturday. At the same time Riley came on for Storf

Town: Luton Davie; Bannister; Slough, Branston, Moore; French, Allen, Sheffield, Lewis, Rioch. Sub — Jardine (for French).

Barrow: Else; McDonald, Davis; Harrison, Arrowsmith, Hartland; McCarthy, Morris, Hopkinson, Knox, Storf. Sub—Riley (for Storf).

Referee - Mr R. V. Spittle

Attendance - 14,244.

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