

LUTON FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

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LUTON maintained their unbeaten record at Kenilworth Road last night but were again unimpressive. Their finishing badly needs sharpening up.

When MacDonald, 19, a capture from Fulham, scored after five minutes, Luton had every chance of building a convincing lead against Halifax. But they failed to consolidate their promising start.

Much hard running came to nothing and it was perhaps a pointer to Luton's need when ex-England player Hill showed what a cool head in front of goal can do.

In the 27th minute he calmly hit the ball past Read from the edge of the penalty area.

Early in the second half it seemed obvious that Halifax had settled for a point. They reinforced their defence and Luton spent most of the time hammering away at their goal but lacking the poise to be penetrative.

Luton.—Read; Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Slough, Moore, Collins, MacDonald, Lewis, Allen, French.

Halifax.—Smith; Wallace, Burgin, Pickering, Nicholl, Robertson, Ryden, Lennard, Lawther, Hill, McCarthy.