



● Joy for Luton! Alan Slough (white, on ground) topples over Shrewsbury 'keeper John Phillips after slamming in their second goal.

Slough header saves Luton

ONE PROBLEM which Luton must solve if they are to sweep their way to the Second Division is that of dealing with less skilled teams who visit the Kenilworth Road ground determined to take away a point.

Shrewsbury fought what can best be described as a war of attrition in an often bitter, goal-less first half.

Luton had themselves to blame on some occasions for not going into the lead, although they were forced into hurried, over-anxious finishing by the tough Shrewsbury tackling. Luton strikers Matt Tees and Malcolm MacDonald had plenty of bruises to show afterwards.

HOW LONG?

At half-time it seemed only a question of how long it would take Luton to translate their superiority into goals and they were well and truly shocked when Shrewsbury went ahead after 53 minutes. It was not so much the reward of virtue as bad luck for Alan Slough. A centre from Dave Roberts flicked off his head into the net.

But that goal seemed to produce the sense of urgency Luton had lacked previously and they broke away to equalise immediately through John Collins.

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of the season thought the goal flood would now start. But they were not in luck. Even though Terry Harkin, Shrewsbury's main striker, went off on the hour with an eye injury and was replaced by Dick Moir, the visitors showed more attacking intent than earlier.

Moir hit the bar and then, with the Luton defence stretched through trying to push on attacking, Roberts went through to drive the ball into the roof of the net.

There were 13 minutes left for Luton to preserve an unbeaten home run which has now spanned 29 League matches. And they saved their faces eight minutes later when Slough headed the equaliser.



John Collins makes no mistake in planting the ball low into the Shrewsbury net for the Town's first equaliser after 54 minutes. Goalkeeper Phillips is well beaten as he comes out to try to smother the shot.