

# LUTON GO BACK TO THE TOP

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**L**UTON extended their unbeaten run in competitive matches to 42 last night, in a game so fraught with difficulties that one can only compliment all 22 players. Luton also regained their two-point lead over Rochdale at the top of the Third Division, writes Robert Oxby.

Apart from blinding flurries of snow, which only abated sufficiently to prevent the lines being obliterated completely, the floodlights failed four times.

The cause was a local power failure and the players went off immediately after the toss, and after three minutes play. The match lasted 15 minutes longer than the scheduled 90 minutes.

Fulham, who matched Luton's high degree of skill, contributed greatly to a match which, even in normal conditions, would have been a credit to the Third Division.

## Vital goal

The vital goal, two minutes after the interval, came from Macdonald, signed from Fulham last summer, who took a pass from French, changed feet and fired home his 12th goal of the season.

Neither side could make serious progress in the punctuated first half, but Horne, the Fulham half-back, was booked in the 33rd minute for a retaliatory foul on Harrison.

Fulham could justly claim to be unlucky not to gain a point, Conway, who had a shot cleared off the line by Ryan in the first half, hit a post in the 65th minute. Davie, the Luton goalkeeper, also made fine saves from Haynes and Barrett.

**Luton.**—Davie; Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, French, Macdonald, Tees, Allen, Harrison

**Fulham.**—Seymour; Tranter, Brown, Horne, Matthewson, Callaghan, Conway, Richardson, Earle, Haynes, Barrett



Matthewson, the Fulham centre-half, and Tees, the Luton leader, go up for a cross from the right wing last night.