

LUTON LET DOWN BY POOR FINISHING

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SURPRISINGLY at Luton last night, Bury proved to be strongest in the department that is regarded as their weak spot—their defence—although they were indebted to the benevolence of the Luton forwards.

This was most marked in the first half when, with 80 per cent. of the play, Luton frittered away at least five scoring chances.

Tees, MacDonald, Harrison and Collins all failed at fairly close quarters and Luton failed signally to cash in on the fact that the Bury back four were suspect under pressure.

In fact it needed the good judgment of Ramsbottom to rescue Bury on several occasions, but his task was made the easier by the inaccuracy of the Luton attack in their finishing.

On the other hand, the Bury forwards with such a reputation for free scoring, were scarcely ever in the game so solid was the work of the Luton defence, reinforced by the return of Branston.

Much the same pattern

emerged after the interval, except that the Luton pressure was less persistent and fewer chances were created. But Bury surely exceeded their expectations in hanging on

Luton.—Davie; Ryan, Bannister, Slough, Branston, Moore, MacDonald, Collins (Collins, 73min), Tees, Keen, Harrison.

Bury.—Ramsbottom; Tinney, Saile, Hughes, Lyon, Holt, McDermott, Arrow-smith (Towers, 73min), Jones, Kerr, Hince.