

LUTON BLUNDER TO DEFEAT

Barnsley ... 2 Luton ... 1

Luton missed their chances last night and paid the penalty, conceding a last-minute goal that rattled their promotion prospects.

Branston organised Luton's defence well but the first time Loyden got past him cost a goal. Loyden crossed hard in the 35th minute and Dean, returning after a month's suspension, steered it into the net.

Luton swung along confidently once they had to chase a goal. Collins, MacDonald and Busby kept probing at the Barnsley defence which began to look uncertain and in the 58th minute Busby swung the ball to the far post where Keen headed home.

Busby missed Luton's best chance of a winner five minutes from the end. Boardman put a poor pass back to Sherratt, Busby seized it but with the goal at his mercy he slid the ball wide.

This jolted Barnsley and they raced away to score through Hamstead in the final minute.

Barnsley.—Sherratt; Murphy, Raggett, Bettany, Winstanley, Howard, Dean, Hamstead, Loyden, Boardman, Barrowclough.

Luton Town.—Starling; Ryan, Bannister, Slough, Branston, Moore, Collins, Busby, MacDonald, Keen, Harrison.