



Malcolm Macdonald
Luton's most threatening
forward last night.

Luton draw & earn Division II place

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Mansfield Town 0 Luton Town 0

LUTON TOWN made certain of returning to the Second Division after an eight-year absence by gaining a point at Field Mill last night. As Luton needed only a draw it was no surprise that they often took second place to boisterous Mansfield in a dour tussle.

Apart from the threat posed by Macdonald, whose willingness to chase was a constant problem for Waller, Luton had little to offer.

Macdonald could have added to his tally of 27 goals in the early minutes when he twice took advantage of Waller mistakes, but his finishing was at fault.

French hits post

Keen and Allen, however, gave thought to all they did in midfield and this, combined with Branstons's strength at the back, gave Luton a solid look. Goal chances were few and the biggest cheer came when comedian Eric Morecambe presented awards to Mansfield's "golden girls" at half-time.

Mansfield, whose own slim promotion chances were dashed a fortnight ago, seemed determined to make Luton fight hard for their point.

French came nearest to scoring in the first half when he swayed round Pate and Boam and beat Brown with a fierce rising shot only for the ball to strike a post.

Occasionally at the other end, Jones and Roberts were prominent, but Macdonald was the only forward on view with the ability to create his own chances.

Five minutes from the end it seemed he must score when he drew Brown out of goal. But his rolled shot slithered wide of the post.

Mansfield T.—Brown: Pate, Walker; Quigley, Loom, Waller, McKenzie, Stenson, Jones, Roberts, Goodfellow.

Luton T.—Read: Ryan, Bannister; Keen, Branstons Moore; Slough, Busby, Macdonald, Allan, French.