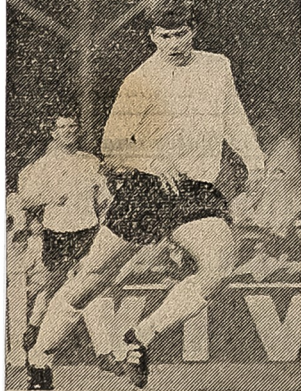




Malcolm Macdonald
Luton's most threatening
forward last night.

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 Branson'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, Loam, Waller, McKenzie, Stenson, Jones, Roberts, Goodfellow.

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

FOOTBALL RESULTS

DIVISION II

PRESTON	(0) 1	CARDIFF	(1) 2
Exeter	—7,882	Blackburn	(0) 0
SWINDON	(0) 1	Murray	—10,491
Horsfield			

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	42	14	6	1	36	10	6	5	32	27	60	
Blackpool	42	10	9	2	25	16	10	4	7	31	29	53
Leicester	42	12	6	3	37	22	7	7	7	27	28	51
Middleboro	42	15	4	2	36	14	5	6	10	19	31	50
Swindon	42	13	7	1	35	17	4	9	8	22	30	50
Sheff Utd	42	16	2	3	50	10	6	3	12	21	28	49
Cardiff	42	12	7	2	38	14	6	6	9	23	27	49
Blackburn	42	15	2	4	42	19	5	5	11	12	31	47
O.P.R.	42	13	5	3	47	24	4	6	11	19	33	45
Millwall	42	14	4	3	38	18	1	10	10	18	38	44
Norwich	42	13	5	3	37	14	3	6	12	12	32	43
Carlisle	42	10	6	5	39	28	4	7	10	19	28	41
Hull	42	11	6	4	43	28	4	5	12	29	42	41
Bristol C	42	11	7	3	37	13	2	6	13	17	37	39
Oxford	42	9	9	3	23	13	3	6	12	12	29	39
Bolton	42	9	6	6	31	23	3	6	12	23	38	36
Portsmouth	42	8	4	9	39	35	5	5	11	27	45	35
Birmingham	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	4	15	18	56	33
Watford	42	6	8	7	26	21	3	5	13	18	36	31
Charlton	42	7	8	6	23	28	0	9	12	12	48	31
Aston V	42	7	8	6	23	21	1	5	15	13	41	29
Preston	42	7	6	8	31	28	1	6	14	12	35	28

DIVISION III

FULHAM	(1) 2	READING	(0) 1
Earle 2	—9,713	Wagstaff	(H.)
MANSFIELD	(0) 0	LUTON	(0) 0
			—10,301
ORIENT	(0) 3	SOUTHPORT	(1) 2
Lazarus,		Field 2	
Bullock 2			—14,216
TRANMERE	(0) 0	GILLINGHAM	(0) 0
			—5,604

Orient	44	15	5	1	41	13	9	7	7	24	21	60
Luton	45	13	8	2	46	15	9	6	7	29	27	58
Bristol R	46	14	5	3	51	26	5	11	7	29	33	56
Fulham	45	12	9	2	43	26	8	6	8	38	28	55
Brighton	46	16	4	3	37	16	7	5	11	20	27	55
Barnsley	46	14	6	3	43	24	5	9	9	25	35	53
Mansfield	45	14	4	5	46	22	6	7	9	23	27	51
Reading	45	15	3	4	44	29	5	8	10	35	48	51
Bradford C	44	11	6	5	37	21	6	6	10	20	27	46
Rochdale	45	11	6	5	38	22	7	4	12	30	36	46
Doncaster	46	13	4	6	31	19	4	8	11	21	35	46
Rotherham	46	10	8	5	36	19	5	6	12	26	35	44
Shrewsbury	44	10	12	7	35	17	3	6	12	27	42	44
Torquay	45	8	9	5	33	22	5	8	10	26	37	43
Plymouth	46	10	7	6	32	23	6	4	13	24	41	43
Walsall	44	11	3	8	33	31	5	8	9	20	36	43
Halifax	44	10	9	3	31	24	4	6	12	16	36	43
Bury	46	13	4	6	47	29	2	7	14	28	51	41
Tranmere	44	9	8	5	37	29	3	8	11	17	43	40
Bournemouth	45	8	9	6	28	27	4	5	13	20	44	38
Southport	44	10	5	7	30	22	3	5	14	17	36	36
Gillingham	43	6	5	10	26	33	5	7	10	22	30	34
Barrow	46	7	9	7	28	27	1	5	17	18	54	30
Stockport	44	4	7	11	17	29	2	3	17	10	41	22