

MAC HALTS BRUM ^{70/71}

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BIRMINGHAM 1 LUTON 1
LUTON grabbed a deserved point to rob success-men Birmingham of their third win in a row.

It would have been so different if Birmingham had made the most of the chances their first-half efforts earned them.

Birmingham played with four men in the middle, but even superiority of numbers and the hard graft of Trevor Hockey could not keep them in control of this vital department.

Court and Hoy took over, and in the end could consider themselves a trifle unlucky not to have earned Luton their first win of the season.

Vowden gave Birmingham the lead with a superb goal.

Birmingham responded to the frenzy of their fans by hauling themselves into attack and Hockey twice saw good efforts saved by Read. Luton survived this onslaught and never again looked in trouble.

They equalised with a penalty, given when MacDonald's shirt was pulled by Robinson. MacDonald took the kick himself and gave Kelly in the Birmingham goal no chance.

BIRMINGHAM: Kelly 7; Thomson 6, Hynd 6, Robinson 6, Pendrey 6; Murray 6, Vowden 7, Vincent 6, ***HOCKEY** 8; Latchford 6, Summerill 6.

LUTON: Read 7; Ryan 6, Moore 6, Nicholl 7, Slough 6; Hoy 7, ***COURT** 8, Keen 6; MacDonald 6, Tees (withdrawn) 6, Givens 7. Sub.: Bannister.

Ref.: R. Challis (Tonbridge) 5.