

FORMER SKIPPER STUNS RANGERS

Keen cracks winner to cheer Stock

MIKE KEEN brought one moment of magic to a mad scramble of a match last night.

It was enough to send the club he once skippered from the Third to the First Division slithering to a defeat Rangers will view with more than the usual amount of regret.

For this was the night when the fallen came back to conquer.

Alec Stock, manager of Rangers in their recent glory days, was back at Loftus-road as Luton boss for the first time since his shock sacking

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nearly two years ago. Midfield man Keen was his first signing for Luton — at £17,000 towards the tail end of the season before last.

If "many happy returns" was ever appropriate, it was on this evening not without its obvious emotion.

Keen, in front of a 19,273 crowd — Rangers' best of the season — decided this frantically fought bid for second Division points in just ninety seconds.

Pace

Luton won a free kick thirty yards out. Keen put the ball down, and as Rangers were organising their rearguard, scored with a kick of astonishing pace and accuracy.

Rangers 'keeper' Phil Parkes was not even able to turn in time to see the ball swirl viciously around the back of the net.

Keen's delight glowed through afterwards as he said: "I'm delighted for the boss. I knew he wanted this win more than anything."

Stock philosophically restricted himself to: "Any win is a good win."

But Luton's first away success of the season—it puts them in touch with the leaders—was spiced with the energy and enthusiasm Stock demands

from any team he manages.

Luton had a winger of rare class in Jimmy Ryan. The best move among so much fruitless and fierce running saw Ryan take a David Court crossfield pass and centre perfectly for striker Malcolm MacDonald to head straight at Parkes.

Rodney Marsh, in his 150th League game for Rangers, failed to produce the flair that is his trademark.

The nearest Rangers came to saving a point was late in the game when Terry Venables — from the same spot from which Keen scored—had a blistering free kick pushed round a post by Tony Read.