

TWO UP, THEN LUTON GIVE UP

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Luton 2, Bolton 0

MAYBE Luton got the decisive goals too early. They were two up in twenty-two minutes. Afterwards the game virtually died.

Yet the leaders had the advantage of playing at home before nearly 20,000 fans who wanted to cheer.

Manager Alec Stock admitted: "I cannot exactly put the finger on what went wrong, but we certainly picked the wrong occasion to fall away."

Had Luton maintained their form of the first quarter, Bolton would have been sunk without trace. Their defence seemed just too ponderous to cope.

The first goal came in nine minutes when Chris

Nicholl expertly headed David Court's corner into the net.

When, thirteen minutes later, Don Glvens nodded one of the best goals seen on the ground this season, Bolton looked set up for a drubbing.

Roger Hoy had hit the bar during this early siege and Bolton were saved by the anticipation of keeper Alan Boswell. He continually and confidently cut out high crosses—an object lesson to Luton's Tony Read.

For the whole of the second half there was more promise than fulfilment from both teams.

But one thing Bolton did achieve was to shut out ace goal-snatcher MacDonald.