

LUTON ARE KEPT OUT

Luton T. 1, Sunderland 2

AS Luton increased the pace of their attacking drive, they stretched their lines of communication and paid the penalty in the fortieth minute, writes HAROLD MAYES.

Bobby Kerr slid a diagonal pass between two defenders and Joe Baker snapped it up eagerly to angle the ball wide of diving Tony Read.

The Luton attacks, however, continued. They rolled on and on in a second half which would have produced the desired effect against anything but the nine-man Sunderland defence backed by keeper Jim Montgomery's superb reflexes.

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Even he had to fail sometime, and he was caught at the near post when Jimmy Ryan pulled back a centre for Malcolm Macdonald to volley in as he fell in the seventy-seventh minute.

But if Luton's unbeaten home record still looked intact then there was another shock to come.

Seven minutes from the finish John Ryan was penalised for obstruction just inside the box. And the Baker-Kerr double act completed Luton's downfall.

Baker bent his free kick round the defending wall and as the rest of the defence slipped, Kerr nipped in to head the winner from close range.