



MACDONALD—his opportunism earned two points for Luton and kept them in the promotion chase

Mac's magic keeps Luton in the race

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A TYPICAL opportunist goal by Luton sharpshooter Malcolm Macdonald settled a surprisingly tepid clash between these bitter local rivals.

The burly Macdonald pounced after 11 minutes when his snap shot from Don Givens' cross slid under the body of Watford keeper Derek Edmonds.

This goal was enough to give the 'Hatters' a double over Watford and keep them well up in the Second Division promotion hunt.

Clearly, Luton were the more dangerous team. They were more direct and carried some goal power in the shape of the ever-dangerous Macdonald.

Watford brought on Stewart Scullion as substitute for John Farley in an attempt to find a way through the Luton defence, but the move failed.

Throughout it all, Luton manager Alec Stock looked reasonably cheerful. He said later: "I didn't go crazy over it. But we wanted to win, and win we did."

Luton's gamble in plumping for Hendon amateur Peter Anderson on the left wing was scarcely a success.

As Luton are playing at the moment there is more hope than efficiency about their distribution. Anderson was closely marked by David Butler, and was given little chance to show what he could do with the ball.

Some of Luton's most productive raids came from the overlaps of right-back John Ryan, who caused some of the biggest problems.

LUTON.—Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jimmy), Givens, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson (P). Sub: Banister.

WATFORD.—Edmonds, Butler, Williams, Garbett, Lees, Walley, Welbourne, Wigg, Jennings, Sinclair, Farley. Sub: Scullion.