

Luton are held by Millwall

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LUTON, growing progressively slacker in defence, finally squandered the point which would have lifted them above Carlisle, as well as Hull, two minutes from time. Brian Brown, the Millwall full-back, did the damage.

This keeps the Second Division pot boiling. Luton have a better goal average than Carlisle, a point above them, and Hull.

Luton have a game in hand on both, but last night they looked a shade lacking in the class that could carry them through.

The real trouble seems to be a lack of subtlety in midfield. There were too many long, high balls for the ever willing Macdonald and Busby to chase. Millwall steadily became more adven-



Mike Keen . . . on the mark for Luton.

turous, and their draw was a just reward.

Luton, of course, will still have a decisive hand in the fate of others, as well as themselves. They have to play Birmingham, Leicester and Cardiff at home, and their away games are none too difficult—Bristol City, Millwall, Orient and Oxford.

Disappointing crowd

The size of the crowd at Kenilworth Road—17,578 last night—also remains discouraging. The only Second Division opponents to draw more than 20,000 have been Watford, with slightly more for Cup games against Nottingham Forest and Arsenal.

Having had a goal by Busby disallowed for off-side in the first minute, it was half an hour before Luton went in front, though they had most of the play.

On the half-hour King, punching clear from Givens' head, conceded a corner. It was taken by Jimmy Ryan, and the ball was headed home smartly by Keen.

Before and after half-time, Macdonald went close but, with less than half an hour to go, Slough and Moore were increasingly under pressure. Possee missed by less than a yard, Brown shaved the bar following a corner and then finally punished Luton for allowing the initiative to slip away.

Luton.—Read; Ryan John, Bannister, Hoy, Slough, Moore, Ryan Jimmy, Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Givens.

Millwall.—King; Brown, Cripps, Dorney, Kitchener, Burnett, Possee, Bolland, Bridges, Dunphy, Alder.