

Brown spoils Luton 'gift'

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LUTON'S plan to give manager Alec Stock two promotion points for a 54th birthday present misfired. They led for most of the game, but were thwarted in the 88th minute when Millwall right-back Brian Brown popped in the equaliser.

Luton moved up one place to fifth in the Second Division, but are still five points behind leaders Leicester with a game in hand.

Luton booted the ball about so aggressively it seemed as though coach Jimmy Andrews had banned any pass under 30 yards.

Veteran skipper Mike Keen supplied the few shrewd passes. And it was Keen who put Luton in front with a brilliantly timed header from Jimmy Ryan's right-wing corner in the 30th minute.

Millwall are an awkward side to play against—tight-knit in defence, unambitious and difficult to beat.

Apart from an unexpected shot on the turn by Derek Possee in the 64th minute which went narrowly wide, they never looked like equalising—until 10 minutes from time.

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Then manager Benny Fenton went to the line and ordered Barry Kitchener to move upfield for a Possee corner.

With the defence watching Kitchener, right-back Brown stole in for the equaliser.

Poor Luton just couldn't believe it!

Highlight of a disappointing evening was the refereeing of Tommy "Smiler" Dawes, from Norwich.

He was always on the spot to pick out fouls, and his grand gestures left nobody in doubt about his decisions.

Oh for more referees like him!