

BUSBY'S DOUBLE RESCUES LUTON



MALCOLM MACDONALD
... he missed out on the goal act—but gave Roger Hynd a chasing

ALEC STOCK'S talented band revealed their full fighting qualities in this promotion battle.

With only half the first period gone, they were two goals down, apparently a position of no

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return. Yet return they did—and fiercely enough to dent the chances of highly-rated Birmingham.

First to strike, after only five minutes, was Bob Latchford. He made the most of a rare mistake by Chris Nicholl.

When Birmingham's second goal followed, after 22 minutes, they were down to ten men, George Smith having left the field for repairs to a facial injury.

Despite the handicap, Birmingham made ground and Phil Summerill headed a neat goal.

To Luton's credit they kept the heat on and produced the man for the occasion in 21-year-old former Wycombe Wanderer, Viv Busby.

All season he has been in the shadow of Malcolm Macdonald. But here he came into his own.

Twice in the space of nine minutes before half-time he seized on half-chances to put Luton level.

His first goal came following a mix-up between Malcolm Page and Roger Hynd, and the second was a deflection of a shot by Macdonald.

Even though he did not score, Macdonald continually harassed the Birmingham defence and was more than a match for Hynd.

Once Luton went ahead, three minutes after half-

time, Birmingham were finished.

The clincher was an unfortunate affair for Birmingham, because it came from a free kick for a completely unnecessary foul by Hynd on Macdonald.

Mike Keen foxed the defence by sliding the ball to Alan Slough, who beat Mike Kelly with a great drive.

Birmingham fought on, but Luton gained midfield control—and kept it.

Birmingham's tragedy was that boy wonder Trevor Francis at last met his match, in the experienced John Moore.

LUTON.—Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Givens, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jim), Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson, Subi, Goodeve.

BIRMINGHAM.—Kelly, Martin, Page, Smith, Hynd, Robinson, Campbell, Francis, Latchford, Summerill, Taylor, Subi, Pendrey.