

LEICESTER WIN IT LIKE CHAMPIONS

LEICESTER poached two goals in two minutes at Kenilworth-road yesterday to put one foot firmly into the First Division.

And, at the same time, they killed Luton's promotion prospects with a performance that made them look worthy Second Division champions.

Leicester were behind after only two minutes—the first away League goal they had conceded for three months—then came back to win with almost embarrassing ease.

So Luton have lost all three holiday games and said manager Alec Stock: "It looks all over for us now barring something of a miracle."

Yet Luton were in command early on when City centre half John Sjöberg diverted a John Ryan cross past Peter Shilton.

They made chances, but

By NIGEL CLARKE: Luton 1, Leicester 3

saw them saved by the kind of goalkeeping that makes Shilton England's No. 2. Three times he saved from centre forward Malcolm Macdonald—the last a twisting leap to his left to clutch a fierce drive from fifteen yards.

After thirty-seven minutes, Leicester equalised. They won a corner on the left and David Nish's curling kick was headed home by Alan Manley.

Luton should have scored next in the sixty-third minute and their miss probably cost them the match.

Winger Peter Anderson, given a clear chance, six yards out and with only Shilton to beat, hit a right foot shot straight to the goalkeeper.

From his clearance, Leicester won a free kick on the right. Willie Carroll took it and John Farrington swept the ball

home, first time, from ten yards.

Two minutes later came the killer goal. Alistair Brown took swift advantage of a defensive mix-up to score the third from the edge of the penalty box.

Leicester finished in command and it hardly mattered that they missed three simple chances, for Luton were decisively defeated.