

SAD LUTON FOILED BY CLARK ^{71/72}

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Luton 2 Cardiff 2

LUTON WASTED enough chances to have parcelled up half a dozen games while bottom of the table Cardiff must have been well pleased with their point.

Said Luton skipper Mike Keen afterwards: "We should have scored three or four in the first half alone. After that we let Cardiff off the hook."

And as Luton kept squandering the chances, so Welsh persistence paid off with Brian Clark heading the 2-2 saver just 14 minutes from time.

Luton had been shown the way to goal as early as the 23rd minute when winger Peter Anderson combined well with Vic Halom and fired a good goal just inside the far post.

Happy Luton fans sang out in anticipation of a goal spree—but it never came.

Instead, in the 33rd minute, Cardiff equalised.

DOGGED

Clark's go-it-alone doggedness earned a flag kick. Ian Gibson tried a short pass to Alan Couch who flicked the ball on for Leighton Phillips to find the net.

Cardiff manager, Jimmy Scoular, called off teenage Tony Villars early in the second-half and substituted ex-Crystal player Bobby Woodruff who did a good job for Cardiff's sagging confidence.

And it took a disputed penalty to put Luton where they belonged—back in front.

Steve Derrett tackled Don Givens from behind and Stourbridge referee Ken Burns had no hesitation in awarding the spot kick. Up jumped Givens, dusted himself down and sent the ball into the Cardiff net.

This looked enough to ensure a home victory that had looked such a formality early on. But back came the Welsh and Clark rose cleverly to beat Chris Nicholl and goalkeeper Tony Read with a dipping header from an Alan Warboys centre.

LUTON.— Read: Ryan (J), Slough, Keen, Nicholl, Moore, Anderson, Court, Halom, Givens, Hindson. Sub: Ryan (Jim).

CARDIFF.— Irwin: Carver, Ball, Phillips, Morgan, Derrett, Villars, Clark, Couch, Warboys, Gibson. Sub: Woodruff.