

LUTON GIANT IS NICHOLL

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71/12 Luton 1, Q.P.R. 1

LUTON, watched by their best crowd of the season, needed both points to keep their flickering promotion hopes alive. Rangers were the classier side, although they were probably pleased to get a draw, never an easy task here. In the final analysis, justice was done.

Mr. Wynn booked two players in a hard and often skilful game, Court for a bad foul on Marsh, and then Marsh himself as the players were coming off at half-time. Presumably Marsh said something unwise. It was a pity, for his footwork and passing were often superb.

He was well supported by Ferguson and Hazell in particular, while, for Luton, Nicholl was outstanding in a well-knit team.

Rangers went ahead after five minutes, Francis cutting in on a fast and direct 40-yard dribble before scoring from 16 yards. Saul should have increased this lead, but shot over from Ferguson's fine pass, and in the 22nd minute Ryan equalised with a superb shot from 25 yards, after bursting down the middle.

Luton: Read: John Ryan. Slough, Keen. Nicholl; Moore, Anderson, Court, Halom. Givens, Hindson.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Hazell, Venables, Hunt, Mancini; Saul, Francis, Leach, Marsh, Ferguson.

Referee: K. A. Wynn (Wolverhampton).