

# Gay Gordon peps Luton

Luton 1 Q.P.R. 1: by DENIS COMPTON

RODNEY MARSH added his usual glow of brilliance to this tension-packed thriller at Kenilworth Road yesterday. But this time he had to share the limelight 50-50 with Luton winger Gordon Hindson.

The pace was terrific and tempers became frayed as both fought in vain for the vital goal.

Two players were booked and several others were most fortunate to escape with a warning.

Rangers stormed ahead after only four minutes with a great goal by Barry Francis.

He fastened on to a long clearance down the right and swept past full-back Alan Slough before hitting a beautiful shot into the roof of the net.



Saul missed a golden chance of putting them further ahead when he skied his shot over the bar.

David Court was booked after 18 minutes for a foul on Marsh and in my opinion he was lucky not to be sent off. Marsh had beaten three men before passing to Venables when Court took a flying kick at him.

Luton equalised brilliantly after 22 minutes. A poor clearance by a Rangers defender was snapped up by full-back John Ryan and his shot from 25 yards rocketed into the net.

Marsh was booked after the half-time whistle had blown when he made a remark to the referee.

The second-half was fought out with no quarters given or asked.

Rangers' keeper Phil Parkes made two magnificent saves in as many minutes from Hindson and Nicholl and Marsh saw a splendid 20-yard free kick at the other end scrape the outside of the post.



Mancini was a tower of strength at the back for Rangers and Nicholl an industrious worker in mid-field for Luton.

There were many inspired bursts by Marsh despite the close marking from John Moore. Hindson was equally brilliant for Luton in this bruising battle.

In the dying minutes Mancini missed a golden opportunity of clinching it for Rangers when he completely missed a cross when only four yards out.

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

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