

TUEART TAMES 74/72 LUTON

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LUTON 1, SUNDERLAND 2

NO HARD-LUCK stories from Luton. They were beaten because they could put on pressure but they couldn't score goals.

Not more than one anyway, against this well organised Sunderland side.

Tueart climaxed a great game with a tremendous goal to put the skids under Luton.

He took a chipped pass from Kerr, drifted between Luton's spreadeagled defenders, drew Read, went round him, and slammed an angled shot inside the far post.

Pitt scored Sunderland's first goal with a diving header, but some of the work at the back was too sloppy to suggest that manager Alan Brown has the right mixture for First Division football.

Pressure

This question mark also highlights Luton's inability to live without a striker of Macdonald's class. Big Mac would not have let Sunderland off the hook so easily.

Luton provided pressure, but when they reached the box they hadn't the composure to make that pressure count. Busby slid one inches wide. Givens might have earned a penalty when he was jostled in the box, and Coleman just got a touch to deflect a Givens header for a corner.

Defender Nicholl finally got a consolation goal.

LUTON: *READ 8—Ryan 6, Nicholl 7, Moore 6, Slough 6—Court 6, Keen 7, Wainwright 6—Givens 6, Busby 7, Halom (withdrawn) 5. Sub.: Anderson 6.

SUNDERLAND: Forster 8—Malone 6, Pitt 8, Harvey 6, Coleman 6—Kerr 8, McGiven 7, Porterfield 8. *TUEART 9—Watson 6, Lathan 6.