

Sad Luton lack fire power

NOBODY OUTSIDE Luton will begrudge struggling Watford a bit of luck. They certainly had a huge slice of it at Kenilworth Road where they picked up their first point in 10 matches—by kind permission of the Luton forwards who squandered a hatful of chances.

Luton's fumbling endeavours in front of goal had to be seen to be believed. They too are currently in a slump of their own with only three points from seven games since that Cup defeat at West Ham in mid-January.

Strangely, it was Watford who opened this saga of missed chances—and what a chance this first one was.

In the 12th minute a 30-yard shot by Jimmy Lindsay had Luton's Keith Barber lumbering like a schoolboy goalkeeper. The ball slipped through his hands and bounced off his chest and the over-eager Pat Morrissey, following up, missed a golden chance of scoring.

Subsequently, Luton—dominating play—did everything but get the ball into the net as the frustrating minutes ticked by. Vic Halom and Don Givens both missed a Gordon Hindson cross with the Watford defence

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wide open and before half-time Givens missed a couple more—the last a wide-open goal after John Ryan's shot had rebounded to him from the foot of the post.

Givens was replaced by substitute Peter Anderson after 62 minutes, but he fared just as badly. With a clear chance Anderson trod on the ball, was still able to recover, but by this time Watford had packed their goal and his shot was kicked off the line by David Butler.

LUTON.—Barber: John Ryan, Shanks, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, Jim Ryan, Court, Halom, Givens, Hindson. Sub: Anderson.

WATFORD.—Walker: Butler, Williams, Lugg, Franks, Eddy, McGeoghegan, Wigg, Morrissey, Lindsay, Welbourne. Sub: Rowan.