

LUTON LOOSE CONTROL

Luton 1, Hull City 2

LUTON will not be promotion candidates unless they can improve their home form. They have not won any of their last four games at Kenilworth Road and this defeat by Hull pinpointed some obvious shortcomings in defence.

It was a game of two distinct phases. Luton started strongly and Halom headed them into the lead after ten minutes. They dominated most of the opening half with Hull rarely in the picture as a serious attacking force.

All looked very easy for Luton, but the second half was an entirely different story. Hull came back with a bang and snatched the points thanks to two opportunist goals from Houghton in the 58th and 70th minutes. Both were the result of slackness in the Luton defence, but Houghton took his chances well.

A Luton attack full of menace in the opening minutes became more and more effective as Hull secured midfield control.

Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Anderson, Ganner, Slough; Jim Ryan, Hindson, Fern, Halom, Aston. Sub.: Harfield.

Hull: Wealand; Banks, Beardsley; Kaye, Neill, Knighton; McGill, Houghton, Pearson, Holme, Butler. Sub.: Wilkinson.

Referee: S. J. Kayley (Preston).