

COOL LUTON

72/73 (FAC)

Bolton 0 Luton 1: by FRANK STEELE

LUTON JUST had the edge in class as they ended Bolton's undefeated home run of 26 games. Harry Haslam's boys were all they were in that famous victory at Newcastle and they had to be as this young promotion-bound side were full of fight. They threw everything into the attack but Luton's experience saw them through.

With Don Shanks, Alan Garner, and partners forming a compact shield in front of Willie Carrick, Bolton never really looked like winning.

In five minutes, Luton had the ball in the net but John Aston, who was to prove a tremendous inspiration to his side, was offside.

Then Bolton started a first-half blitzkrieg which saw Don McAlister shave a post and a header by Paul Jones being tipped over the bar.

A Roy Greaves drive was headed off the line by Shanks and then Gary Jones flicked a shot just wide.

HIGHLIGHTS

Those were only the highlights of the pressure but cool Luton took it all and then produced a perfectly timed goal three minutes before half-time.

It was an Aston corner that prompted the effort. Charlie Wright for once did not get the ball he should have had and centre half Garner dived in to head home.

Bolton battled and fought to win the match back but the only real second-half heart stopper for Luton came in the 75th minute when Carrick scrambled low to cut out a lethal John Ritson cross.

BOLTON.—Wright; Ritson, McAlister, Rimmer, Jones (P), Waldron, Nicholson, Jones (G), Greaves, Lee, Phillips.

LUTON.—Carrick; Shanks, Thomson, Slough, Garner, Moore, Ryan (Jim), Ryan (John), Butlin, Hindson, Aston.