

A LUTON DOUBLE ACT

LUTON, SHOWING more poise and method, and better ball control, duplicated their 1-0 win at Craven Cottage 11 days earlier.

Fulham's dynamo Alan Mullery, though not having a bad game, had what was an off day for him—obviously a major factor in his side's ragged look.

Luton, with ball-playing attackers Graham French and John Aston always baffling Fulham's disjointed defence, put

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together far more moves, caught the eye, and threatened goal.

Fulham escaped when Peter Mellor kicked away John Aston's 14th-minute effort after a scramble which had been launched and then sustained by passes by Aston himself.

The winner came after 22 minutes. Peter Anderson put Aston away on the left and from his cross Jim Ryan hooked in a left-foot volley from the edge of the box that

soared over Fulham's defence and under the bar.

After Stan Earle shot just wide, it was all Luton for the rest of the first half. Gordon Hindson blazed over. French hit a snorter, from another Aston pass, that cannoned off the right post.

Then Fred Callaghan kicked an Aston shot over the bar from two yards out and Anderson shot over from French's dribble.

Luton missed some great chances in the first 25 minutes of the second half. Jim Ryan puffed a weak header from Aston's cross and had his strong low shot from another Aston pass well saved.

Aston, himself unmarked, failed to produce a shot worthy of French's fine pass.

Late in the game, Luton 'keeper Graham Horn twice came out to smother Earle's efforts after the Fulham man had cleverly worked through. Fulham had replaced Alan Pinkney with John Conway after 54 minutes.

In a final flurry, French lobbed over the bar as well as the 'keeper when Rodney Fern broke through and put him clear, and Bobby Thomson headed Les Strong's header off the line, from Mullery's corner.

LUTON. — Horn; Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Goodeve, Jim Ryan, French, Fern, Hindson, Aston. Sub: John Ryan.

FULHAM. — Mellor; Cutbush, Callaghan, Mullery, Went, Horne, Pinkney, Earle, Mitchell, Lloyd, Strong. Sub: Conway.

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