

LUTON LUCKY TO SURVIVE

Luton Town ...1 Grimsby ^{73/74} (2-1) 1

Luton were almost the victims of another shock League Cup result when they were held by Grimsby at Kenilworth Road. The free-scoring Second Division side can have no complaints about the final score.

Tenacious Grimsby were unlucky to trail to Hindson's 22nd-minute goal, and Chatterley's equaliser after 86 minutes did justice to the visitors' gritty display.

Luton played below their best. Yet, with the ball skidding about like a piece of wet soap in the driving drizzle, both sides deserved praise for the way they controlled it.

No evidence

But there was never any convincing evidence that Luton would, as had been expected, beat their opponents.

After 11 minutes, Chatterley could have given the visitors the lead, but was pulled up for a foul on Luton's goalkeeper, Horn.

Beardsley, the former Hull full-back, did a fine job in containing Aston, Luton's most effective forward, but this was a display which Luton will want to forget.

Luton.—Horn; Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Hindson, Ryan (John), Butlin, Finney, Aston.

Grimsby.—Wainman; Beardsley, Booth, Chatterley, Wigginton, Gray, Barton, Hickman, Hubbard, Czuczuczman, Sharp.