

JIMMY SAVES IT

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JIM RYAN, Luton's former Manchester United winger has never scored more vital goals than the two he notched in this match.

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to hammer Luton back on terms.

Luton had claims for a penalty turned down early in the second half when Alan West clashed with George Lyall in the area. Then, with 71 minutes gone, Forest looked to be coasting to victory when they regained the lead through Paul Richardson with a long-range drive.

The two points were all but in the Nottingham bag when, in the last 30 seconds, John Cottam unaccountably handled in the penalty area. Jimmy Ryan scored Luton's face-saver from the spot.

LUTON.—Horn; Ryan (John), Thomson, Shanks, Litt. Garner, Ryan (Jim), Finney, Anderson, West, Aston. Sub: Butlin.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST.—Barron; O'Kane, Winfield, Chapman, Cottam, Richardson, McKenzie, Lyall, Martin, Jackson, Bowyer. Sub: Serello.

Without them Luton would have been sunk without trace and their promotion hopes seriously damaged.

The home side were thrown into disarray by the attacking Soccer of George Lyall, Duncan McKenzie, and Neil Martin, all of whom came close to scoring in the first 10 minutes.

But the goal did not take long to come and Luton were in deep trouble when McKenzie scored with a spectacular overhead kick in the 12th minute.

The celebrations were just over when Jimmy Ryan struck as Luton pressed home their first real attack of the match. Forest defenders Liam O'Kane and John Winfield performed an "After you" act and Ryan capitalised on their uncertainty