

THOMPSON HITS

LUTON HOPES

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Bolton 1, Luton 0

Bolton, unbeaten at home since Nov. 17 in the Second Division and with 17 points from their last 12 matches, slowed down the promotion pace of Luton at Burnden Park on Saturday.

Inspired again by Thompson, Wanderers gave another outstanding performance and it is a measure of their improvement over the last 12 months that a year ago, Luton outclassed them in the F A Cup on this same ground.

It was Thompson's class that earned Bolton the 82nd-minute winner when his cross was spot-on for Greaves to head home only his fourth League goal of the season.

Luton went near with short-range efforts by Jimmy Ryan and Faulkner, and a soaring Butlin header just lifted over the bar with Siddall beaten.

But in reply, Bolton had nearly a dozen chances and only fine goalkeeping by Horn and the vagaries of the wind stopped their scoring earlier. Byrom was booked in the third minute for a foul on Anderson.

Bolton.—Siddall; Ritson, Nicholson, McAllister, Jones, P., Waldron, Byrom, Jones, G., Greaves, Whatmore, Thompson.

Luton.—Horn; Ryan, John, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Ryan, Jimmy, Husband, Butlin, West, Aston.