

It's hats off to Greaves!

By FRANK BOOTH

BOLTON WANDERERS bounced straight back on the winning trail when they beat second-placed Luton 1-0 at Burnden Park today.

Roy Greaves was the man who upset the Hatters' promotion hopes when he netted the winner from a Peter Thompson corner in the 81st minute.

It was a thoroughly deserved win. Bolton always had the edge in a hard match which was marred by the booking of skipper John Byrom for retaliation.



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TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS: Siddall; Ritson, Nicholson, McAllister, Paul Jones, Waldron, Byrom, Barry Jones, Greaves, Whatmore, Thompson, Sub: Dunne.
LUTON TOWN: Horn: John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jimmy Ryan, Husband, Butlin. West. Aston, Sub: Hindson.
Referee: D. Turner (Cannock, Staffs.).

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Byrom. The ball went across the face of goal and past the far post.

A Jimmy Ryan corner finished up on the roof of the Bolton net and when Luton attacked again an Anderson lob was too high for Butlin.

The Wanderers were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty when Horn and Garry Jones went for a through ball. The Luton keeper appeared to dive across the ball to bowl over Jones who needed treatment before he could continue — the referee having waved play on.

SWERVING

Peter Thompson was only inches away from scoring when he sent a swerving, dipping, lob at goal after a Waldron corner had come out of a packed goalmouth to him. Horn did well to punch a Garry Jones corner away under pressure from Paul Jones.

A Siddall throw sent Byrom racing over the halfway line. He passed the ball forward in the hope of finding Garry Jones, but Garner was quickly on the scene to intercept and end the danger.

Peter Thompson, the man of the match so far, embarked on a dribble which took him past John Ryan. But Jimmy Ryan had dropped back and he

● An Alan Waldron free-kick is headed away by the Luton defence as Bolton press.

hammered the ball behind for a corner.

Again Horn punched clear when Peter Thompson put the corner kick into the goalmouth.

Half-time: Bolton W. 0, Luton 0.

A foul by Paul Jones on Butlin gave Luton a free-kick which was taken by Barry Thomson. Anderson got his head to the ball in the Bolton goalmouth, and it sailed narrowly wide of goal.

The Wanderers now had the strong wind behind them, and a long-range effort from Ritson was saved by Horn.

Faulkner won a Ritson cross in the air from Whatmore, then Whatmore was unable to fasten on to the ball when Byrom slipped it through to him in the Luton penalty area.

Waldron ran well down the right and crossed from the by-line for Whatmore to head the ball back into the goalmouth from the far post. The ball bounced about dangerously for Luton before it was finally hooked clear.

A good run by Aston down the Luton left ended with a cross which Butlin headed over the top. But the referee had already blown for a foul by the Luton striker who had climbed on the back of Paul Jones.

From the free kick the Wanderers got an unexpected corner when Bobby Thomson, attempting to pass back to Horn, put the ball well wide of his keeper.

Waldron put the corner over and Faulkner headed clear.

And as the Wanderers came quickly back several players were caught off side.

Horn was in the right spot to clutch the ball to his chest when Garry Jones got in a header at goal from a Ritson cross.

Galley missed two easy chances for Forrest before olton relieved the pressure. In a quick break, a long ball penetrated the Forrest defence but Peacock saved Phillip's snap shot.

Darling latched on to a cross from McBurney but his shot was off target.

Hallbrook pulled off a great penalty save from McCan in the 62nd minute, after Dennahy had been pushed by Rimmer.

ESCAPE

Luton had an escape when Byrom caught Horn off his line and tried to chip the ball at goal. The ball didn't go very high in the air but Horn slipped and in the end made a good one handed save lying on the ground.

At the other end the Wanderers had a scare when Faulkner won an Aston corner in the air only for Waldron to pop up near the post to head behind for another corner which came to nothing.

Bolton appeals for a penalty were turned down when a Waldron cross struck Anderson — the referee indicating that the ball had hit the Luton man on the chest.

Waldron wasted a great run when he took the ball to the by-line and pulled it back only to see a Luton defender intercept with Byrom waiting hopefully in front of goal for the pass which never came.

Garner kicked clear when Byrom chased into the Luton box after a

one-two with Peter Thompson. The Wanderers were playing some fine football and nearly went ahead when Byrom got in a header at goal from a Waldron cross only to see Horn claw the ball away.

A Faulkner header skimmed his own bar when the Luton centre half got under a Nicholson free kick. The corner gave the Wanderers the goal they deserved in the 81st minute.

Peter Thompson put the kick over and GREAVES won the ball in the air to head just inside the angle of bar and post well out of the reach of Horn.

Final: Bolton Wanderers 1, Luton Town 0.
Attendance: 15,616.

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