

LUTON LOSE BY ODD GOAL IN SEVEN

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Luton 3 Sunderland 4

LUTON failed to bid farewell to the Second Division with a victory last night, but they and Sunderland left the crowd of 20,285 with happy memories of a light-hearted scoring extravaganza.

Both defences were in a generous mood, and the forwards revelled in an unusual opportunity to display their skills.

The scoring began after only two minutes, Longhorn moving Montgomery's long clearance on to Hughes, who shot into the roof of the net.

Luton's first equaliser came 15 minutes later. As the Sunderland defence followed Butlin towards John Ryan's long high centre, Husband stole in to head past Montgomery.

Towers scores

Butlin wasted a chance and Horn saved well from Halom before Towers, driving Kerr's corner into the roof of the net, put Sunderland ahead again after 26 minutes.

The visitors stayed in front for only four minutes this time. An attempted shot by West was flying across the face of the Sunderland goal when Husband diverted the ball into the net.

Ashurst put his team in front once more after 35 minutes with a fierce shot, but Butlin restored the status quo with a firm, headed goal four minutes before the interval.

Halom scored the winner against his old club in the 77th minute.

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

Sunderland.—Montgomery; Malone, Guthrie, Longhorn, Watson, Belfitt, Kerr, Hughes, Halom, Ashurst, Towers.