

ALSTON SETS

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PROBLEMS

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MAKING light of their background problems, a strange-looking Arsenal side started as if they were going to give Luton a thrashing. But they were caught twice, and in the end had to settle for a point.

Alston, who is becoming one of the more exciting strikers in the First Division, gave the Arsenal defence some anxious moments and fully deserved his goal.

He also had a tremendous drive hit a post—Luton's manager, Harry Haslam, reckons it must have been square for the ball to come back at that angle—and forced Rimmer to make some fine saves in difficult conditions.

But Arsenal had a counter in Kidd. The former Manchester United striker scored twice to bring his tally to seven, and generally gave Luton's back four similar problems to those set by Alston.

Defence in trouble

Arsenal's defence was in trouble with the second equaliser, failing to clear the ball. Shanks, backing his attack well, sent a powerful drive out of Rimmer's reach.

Though the game had its flat spots and flaws in both sides were revealed, there was still much to make the fans forget the unpleasantness of the drizzle.

Arsenal.—Pinner, Kilgallon, Nelson, Storey, Blockley, Matthews, Armstrong, Kelly, Radford, Kidd, Brady.

Luton.—Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Ryan (John), Hindson, Ryan (Jimmy), Butlin, West, Alston.