## (Continued from Page One) past. nerving the home defence. In the 26th minute Peter Carr fired in a 25-yard drive which went just wide and two minutes

#### VERDICT

Carlisle have lost their second away game of the season to a struggling Luton Town team who up to today hadn't won a League game since they moved into Division One at the start of the current term.

United must be believing now that the Kenilworth Road ground is a jinx to them for following last season's stunning 6-1 defeat the Cumbrians were extremely unlucky to go down by three goals to one.

They have only themselves to blame for carelessness by the normally reliable defence allowed the home team in when they were under pressure.

.In the first half the Cumbrians were by far the better side and lost a silly goal in one of the few Luton attacks of the half.

In the second half a terrible mix-up and lack of concentration allowed Alston to score a second goal when he really should never have had a sight at goal. This goal acted as a fillip to the Luton team who had looked so uncertain until that moment.

The penalty award against Bobby Parker must surely rank as one of the unluckiest of the season but even so United fought with commendate spirit until the end.

In a scrappy game both teams were disappointing, although United played the better football up to the moment when they lost that second goal. One thing this game will be remembered for was the spectacular overhead shot by Laidlaw which brought United's only goal.

LUTON TOWN 3, CARLISLE UNITED 1

The Kenilworth Road jinx hit Carlisle again today. flag was up to show that the Luton Last season Luton hit six past Allan Ross, and this afternoon a Carlisle team with only five goals against in three man move by Carlisle gave ten matches, let in three more.

It was the same old story as classy Carlisle chances made and missed. A dazzling goal Laidlaw was from Joe their only answer as Luton hit a hat-trick.

The ground was sparsely filled when Carlisle kicked off on a pitch made slippery by a prematch shower of rain.

And almost straight from the kick-off there was nearly a goal for Carlisle when a loose pass back by John Ryan found Laidlaw lurking in the box but keeper Barber rushed out to take the ball off the striker's feet.

In the fifth minute, Carlisle, pressing forward, saw ,McIlmoyle moving in from the right and he sent a neat pass to O'Neill whose shot weakly spun past the post.

And it was McIlmoyle again in the ninth minute who left the Luton defence standing in a dazzling run but his final pass was just too strong for Gorman and the ball went out for a goal-kick.

A minute later McIlmoyle fired in a curling shot from 20 yards which slipped narrowly round keeper Barber's left hand post.

A goal-line clearance by Shanks stopped Carlisle taking the lead when Faulkner missed what should have been an easy clear-

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"Hatters Olga says: unlucky hat-trick stung United".

ance, to allow Laidlaw in, but the fullback rushed in to scramble the ball away.

It was all Carlisle at this stage and it looked as if a goal must come and come it did - but com-

Luton Town striker, Barry Butlin (24), signed this afternoon for Second Division Nottingham Forest for a fee of £120,000.

Butlin, the former Derby player, cost £50,000 when he moved to Luton two seasons ago.

Before the kick off at this afternoon's home game against Sunderland, Forest manager, Alan Brown, also paid £10,000 for the Barnsley defender, Paddy Greenwood.

pletely against the run of play. Australian striker Alston flicked on John Ryan's pass to PETER ANDERSON who slipped the ball past Allan Ross from 12 yards.

That goal rocked Carlisle, who had been turning in such a confident performance, and they could justifiably feel unlucky to be a goal down after having so much of the play.

But the 12th minute goal acted as a spur to Luton and four minutes later Anderson again beat the entire Carlisle defence when he sent a pass to Alston who flicked his shot just wide.

But gradually Carlisle came ked LAIDLAW, lurking on the back into the game and their quick tackling and persistence was un-

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# SOCCER I

**B.B.C. TONIGHT** 

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Tottenham v Middlesbroug (2.0).

later Train caused enough chaos in the Luton defence to confuse two defenders into giving away a senseless corner. From the kick McIlmoyle headed over.

A West chip created a chance for Peter Anderson who fired in a great header which was only narrowly over the bar and landed on top of the net, but nothing could have come of the incident for the man was narrowly offside.

Then, in the 37th minute, a great three man move by Carlisle gave so much.

Balderstone took it from the left before sending over a tremendous cross which found the head of McIlmoyle, who, in turn, outjumped the Luton defence to knock the ball down to the unmar-

#### THE TEAMS

Luton Town: Barber; Shanks, Thomson; Anderson, Faulkner, John Ryan; Hindson, Jim Ryan, Husband, West, Alston. Sub.: Garner.

Carlisle United: Ross; Carr, Gorman; O'Neill, Green, Parker; Martin, Train, McIlmoyle, Balderstone, Ladlaw. Sub.: Barry.

Referee: Mr J. Homewood, of Sunbury-on-Thames.

edge of the six yard box, and the burly striker leapt spectacularly to hit in an overhead shot which beat keeper Barber all the way.

The goal gave a much fairer reflection to the run of play and indeed the home crowd rose to applaud the spectacular goal.

Two minutes after scoring, the burly striker was on the ground injured after he had accidentally been kicked in the face by centre half Faulkner. The game was stopped but after treatment Laidlaw recovered.

A minute later, Carlisle, break-Sheffield United v Liverpool ing quickly from defence, could have added a second when a loose clearance by Faulkner gave squirmed over the top. Dennis Martin — having a very good game — a clear run from the brought a goal in the 70th minute. half-way line.

> which should have produced foot of Allan Ross. something.

clearance from defence found Homing in from the left, he beat Laidlaw on his own just a few three defenders before sending in yards over the half way line.

As the Luton defenders screamed for off-side — and Laidlaw spun narrowly wide for a corner. certainly looked to be in a suspicious position - the striker raced luckily conceded a third goal through and was only stopped by a from the penalty spot. A harmless sliding tackle by Barber who had looking shot from Husband bounraced out of his box to challenge.

time Luton forward Jimmy Ryan take from the spot kick when he lay injured deep in the Carlisle sent the ball low to Ross's right. half and it took a few minutes of treatment before the home man wasable to join his colleagues in the dressing room.

Half Time: LUTON .....1 CARLISLE .....1

A neat move by O'Neill, in which he beat three defenders, saw him make a great pass to McIlmoyle whose 20 yard chip shot swept narrowly over the top. At the other end, West came

close when he sent in a low 18 yard spot to hold the ball confidently. In the 52nd minute Alston, racing in with Green, won the

yard shot which went narrowly

Deft work by Anderson spelt danger for Carlisle, but he delayed when in a good position on the right of Carlisle's box and allowed O'Neill time to turn the ball past for a corner. But from the kick McIlmoyle rose above everybody to clear.

Then in the 56th minute Luton restored their lead.

The long legs of ALSTON had the visitors defence in all sorts of trouble and he managed to evade everybody to slip the ball past Ross.

The goal raised serious question marks about the marking in the Carlisle defence for at least two of the defenders should have cleared the situation long before the Luton man scored.

The second goal really put heart into a Luton team which had been disappointing from the kick-off. And, in the 60th minute, this new confidence was reflected in good work by Alan West when he controlled the ball well before sending in a 20 yard drive which Ross held well.

A minute later, there was a loud appeal for a penalty from the home men when Alston went sprawling in the box after he and Green went in for the ball, but referee Homewood waved away the claim.

At the other end Carr went close with a 25 yard shot which Barber held well.

In the 65th minute Carlisle almost capitalised on a poor clearance by keeper Barber. His goal kick was picked up on the half-way line by Ray Train who volleyed the ball and Luton were relieved to see his effort drop just inches over the bar.

In the 68th minute Alston was clear in the Carlisle box after a great through pass by West. The Australian World Cup star had beaten Carlisle defenders but his final shot was weak and safely gathered by Ross.

A minute later a great overlapping run by Carr could have brought the equaliser.

The full-back ran well down the right flank before putting over a top class cross which found the head of Martin, but his effort

A great move by Luton almost

West neatly beat the Carlisle But the United man finished defence before sending a clever weakly after allowing the home pass to Husband who kept the defence time to cover and his 20 move going by hitting a neat ball yards shot fiew weakly over the to Hindson whose 15 yard shot was top — a poor finish to a situation stopped only by the outstreched

At the other end, a good run by On the stroke of half time along McIlmoyle casuded a scare. a low pass which was only stopped by a defenderss foot and the ball

In the 78th minute Carlisle unced up and struck the hand of And the whistle blew for half- Parker. Jim Ryan made no mis-

It was all Luton now, and they came close two minutes later when centre-half Faulkner, coming up with his attack, sent in a stinging 30 yard drive which Ross held at the second attempt.

In the closing minutes Carlisle, certainly unlucky to be trailing 3-1, were coming more into the game again and after a defenders foot had blocked a Laidlaw shot in the 84th minute, Gorman came close with a 30 yard drive which went just wide.

The sight of their first victory shot but Allan Ross was on the gave the 12,987 crowd much to cheer although Luton were still looking below the form they showed to win promotion last encounter before firing in a low 20 | year.

