

LUTON FACING GRIM OUTLOOK

Newcastle ... 1, Luton ... 0

Newcastle produced another poor performance but John Tudor scored the decisive goal to win the points in the 76th minute.

Luton remain bottom of the First Division and it is hard to see how they will get away if their defence remains as open as it was on Saturday.

The Newcastle team of three or four weeks ago would have scored a hatful of goals. They still might have done so had a first-minute effort by Malcolm Macdonald gone into the net instead of hitting the crossbar.

The longer the game went the more hesitant and slipshod Newcastle became and Luton looked dangerous in the occasional breakaway. However, in addition to that defensive problem they are failing to take their chances so their outlook is grim, despite the confidence of Harry Haslam, their manager.

Newcastle.—McFaul; Nattrass, Clark, Cassidy, Keeley, Howard, Barrowclough, Kennedy, Macdonald, Tudor, Hibbitt.

Luton.—Barber; Shanks, Thomson, Chambers, Litt, Garner, Hindson, Fern, Anderson, West, Aston.