

Currie's driving talent topples Luton

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LUTON TOWN continue to dwell in the doldrums. For the sixth time in 17 matches they have been defeated by a single goal.

They certainly deserved to share the points if only because of their enthusiasm and endeavour.

Regrettably for them they are finding out that this alone is not enough.

Peter Anderson, who was such an outstanding success last season as a midfield player, is hopelessly ineffective up front as a striker.

His talents lie in bringing the ball forward, and manager Harry Haslam must do something about this quickly.

Luton had 65 per cent of the game but most of it was desperation stuff with fear in practically all their movements.

Sheffield United had outstanding players at the back in Keith Eddy and Eddie Colquhoun, and Jim Brown had a magnificent game in goal.

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Yet the class player on the field was Tony Currie who continually spreadeagled the Luton defence with his splendid manipulation of the ball and intelligent distribution.

The northern side moved forward in the first 10 minutes as if to wrap this game up very quickly.

Yet somehow Luton survived the crisis and fought their way back into the game.

The golden opportunity in this half, however, fell to Sheffield 10 minutes before the interval.

Full-back Len Badger sent a long ball through to Tony Field who in turn transferred it gloriously to Mick Speight.

He found himself with only Barber to beat from 10 yards but inexcusably shot wide.

Two bookings came early in the second half, Colquhoun and Faulkner for fierce tackles. It was both their fourth of the season.

Sheffield's goal came after 59 minutes. Woodward chipped the ball over from the right and the ball ran loose with the Luton players hesitant.

Currie nipped in and calmly shot the ball past Barber. Incidentally, it was his first goal of the season.

LUTON TOWN.—Barber; Shanks, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Garner, Hindson, Fern, Anderson, West, Aston. Sub: Fitcher.

SHEFFIELD UNITED.—Brown; Badger, Hemsley, Garrett, Colquhoun, Eddy, Woodward, Speight, Dearden, Currie, Field. Sub: Bransford.