

SPIRING CAN DO MUCH TO LIFT LUTON

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Luton 2 Burnley ... 3

PETER NOBLE, hat-trick hero the previous week, reversed roles and headed from the line a header by Anderson to round off a thrilling game at Kenilworth Road.

That effort also clinched Burnley's first away win in the League since Oct. 5, against Spurs, and accentuated Luton's problems at the foot of the table.

Slackness punished

Slack marking was punished by Burnley with two goals and these led to the ultimate destiny of the points.

Luton have now had 19 games on their return to the First Division with only one victory to their credit but the arrival of the talented hardworking Peter Spiring could go much of the way to improving that miserable tally.

He headed the second equaliser—Faulkner got the first—in the middle of a three-goals-in four minutes spell just after the break which kept the match on a peak of excitement until the end.

Edge in class

But Burnley always had a slight edge in class and the striking power of the burly Hankin, who celebrated his 50th League game with a couple of goals and Fletcher, and the established expertise of James who operated with equal skill on either flank and scored the second Burnley goal.

Add to this the superb saves of Stevenson when Luton put on the pressure — one particular one from Jim Ryan sticks in the memory—and there is the reason for the disparity in League positions.

Though mistakes were frequent on the slippery surface they did not dim the entertainment value of the game in which Luton played their part to the full and were a shade unlucky not to get apoint.

Luton Town.—Barber; Ryan (John), Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Ryan (Jim), Husband (sub. Alston, 75 min.), Spiring, West, Aston.

Burnley.—Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Ingham, Waldron, Rodaway, Noble, Hankin, Fletcher, Collins, James.



John Aston, of Luton, gets the ball across despite the attention of Burnley's Billy Ingham.