

Clemence frustrates Luton

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JOHN TOSHACK, called in because of injury to Kennedy, received a rapturous welcome from the Kop, and proceeded to justify the fans' faith by scoring a goal and generally enlivening pallid Liverpool.

However, even Toshack could not hide Liverpool's problems, and it is a sobering thought that this victory—their first in nine matches, and achieved with great difficulty against the bottom club in the table—should have put them back to second place.

Luton, without an away victory and six points adrift of the rest of the division, should have proved easy victims.

One hefty push might now have opened the floodgates, but Liverpool were unable to apply it. Instead, Luton fought back. Only a timely save by Clemence from West and Spiring's fractionally-wayward direction with a header kept them out.

Brilliant save

Heighway, however, brought Horn to an equally good save at the other end and Toshack headed against the bar.

There was no doubting the relief when Liverpool made sure after 84 minutes. From Keegan's corner, Toshack tried to turn and shoot, but succeeded only in getting a deflection to the intruding Keegan.

Keegan, too, attempted a shot but his effort was pushed out to Heighway, who drove the ball home from the edge of the box.

Liverpool.—Clemence; Smith, Neal, Thompson, Cormack, Hughes, Keegan, McDermott, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.

Luton.—Horn; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Futchet, Jim Ryan, Spiring, Husband, West, Aston.



Alan West (Luton) and John Toshack (on ground) watch anxiously as the ball slides past a Luton post.