

Survival is the name of game

14/15
Liverpool 2 Luton Town 0

By ROGER DUCKWORTH

THE ONLY thing left to bet on — as far as Luton are concerned — is whether or not they are going to beat the record low for the number of points clutched on the precipice of relegation.

For I am sure they are not going to survive no matter how manager Harry Haslam, bangs the gong of survival.

He still believes Luton can be plucked from the waves. Lifeboatmen wouldn't put their money on it.

Without an attack worth it's salt Luton must play out their commitments in Division One and plot their course for Division Two survival.

Peter Spiring still doesn't look a striker and Jimmy Husband had another unproductive match even though he was on his native Merseyside.

Apart from John Aston, a chirpy Lancashire lad, Luton had nothing to offer. And you can't go to Anfield without your front teeth. They'll eat you.

Fought

Even though Liverpool struggled to find their best form they were too good for Luton.

In midfield Luton worked and fought but they gave the ball away far too easily. In defence Paul Futcher and John Ryan were outstanding and I believe it is in the Futcher generation that Luton's future lies.

The manager must chuck in the kids. The more experienced men don't seem able to do anything, so if planning for next season comes into it, it must surely come from the youngsters.

Liverpool aren't a side to be trifled with. Luton held them in the first half but went behind right at the start of the second when Toshack scored from close in.

It became a matter of containing the reds and the cool head of Futcher saved Luton on several occasions.

Spark

Luton's few attacks came via Aston on the left but there was nobody to support him or to convert his work into something tangible.

The Kop tried to spark some life into the Pool and Heighway could hardly believe his luck when he made certain of the points with a soft goal six minutes from time. He has not been playing well.

Horn made some good saves in the first half from Toshack but the fact remains that Luton have not won away from home for nine months.

They last did at Hull on March 9.