

COOL KEMBER SAVES CRIPPLED CHELSEA

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CHELSEA midfield man Steve Kember checked Luton's great recovery romp — three successive wins last month — with an 82nd minute equaliser.

Just when it looked as if Jimmy Husband's 63rd-minute goal would send Chelsea the same way as Derby, Ipswich, and Wolves, Kember came to the rescue.

A Charlie Cooke corner was headed powerfully forward by Ian Hutchinson. It was stopped on the line, but Kember got there first to grab a goal.

Luton dominated the first half, allowing Chelsea only one shot. But Gary Locke kicked wide.

Luton, on the other hand, had numerous near misses, most of them near the end of the opening half.

Chelsea suffered a major setback when central defender

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John Dempsey limped out of the game with torn knee ligaments in the 30th minute.

Ten minutes later Luton's new hero, Ron Futch, laid on a chance for John Aston but he headed wide.

Then an Alan West piledriver was saved at full stretch by John Phillips. The ball rebounded to Husband whose header was scrambled clear.

Just before half-time Jim Ryan put the ball in Chelsea's net, but it was disallowed for offside.

That escape pepped up Chelsea and after the break Hutchinson just failed to scramble the ball in from a John Hollins free kick.

Chris Garland's shot from the corner was well saved by Graham Horn.

Luton's goal came when full

back Ron Harris failed to stop Ron Futch. Husband side-footed Futch's low centre powerfully into the net.

Eight minutes from time Chelsea finally broke down the home defence when Hutchinson's header from a Cooke corner caused goal-line panic and Kember swept the ball home.

LUTON.—Horn; Ryan (John), Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Futch (P), Ryan (Jim), Husband, Futch (R), West, Aston. Sub: Alston.

CHELSEA.—Phillips; Locke, Harris, Hollins, Dempsey, Hay, Kember, Wilkins, Garland, Hutchinson, Cooke. Sub: Houseman.