

Luton wait and hope

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Luton 1, Man. City 1

AMID frenzy, Luton, trailing for nearly an hour, battled back to win a point that keeps their survival hopes alive. But Spurs need only to draw their home game against Leeds tomorrow night to send Luton back into Division Two.

Luton produced another battling display, their tremendous effort offsetting the class of the highly expensive Manchester City side.

Though more than £1,000,000 has been spent on assembling the City team, that talent was stretched as Luton were driven on by West and the two Ryans, John and Jimmy.

The turning point for Luton came when midfield man King, 18, came on as substitute for Litt. They changed the formation to four men in the front strike force and the rest of the side backing up so that, at times, Manchester were forced to play all 11 in and around their own penalty box.

Both goals came from errors. Tueart pounced on a slip by Jim Ryan and shot home in the 14th minute after rounding Buckley and Barber. Then, after 72 minutes, Ryan became the hero of his side. Corrigan dashed out of his goal area almost to the edge of the penalty box and the Luton midfield man coolly lobbed the ball home from 30 yards.

Certainly some of the football bore tell-tale tags of the end of the season but there was plenty of excitement and Aston must be wondering how he missed two gaping chances. In the final minutes, City substituted Marsn, their skipper, who instead of going to the substitute's bench or the dressing room elected to sit just in front of the crowd and earned a rebuke from the referee when he tossed the ball back.

Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Litt, Jim Ryan, Husband, Alston, West, Aston, Sub.: King.

Man. City: Corrigan, Hammond, Donachie, Doyle, Booth, Oakes, Hartford, Bell, Marsh, Daniels, Tueart, Sub: Keegan.

Referee: D. Wallace (Crews).