

LUTON IN SUSPENSE

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THE story of Luton's fate, and the question of whether they stay in the First Division next season was summed up by Rudyard Kipling—IF. And their point-saving act at Kenilworth Road on Saturday epitomised just that.

If they had taken their chances, if they had fought with the same ferocity in the first half as they did in the second half of both this game and the season—they would not be waiting, mentally torn, until 10 past nine tonight to know their fate.

Then the result of the Spurs-Leeds game will be known, and if Tottenham collect one or more points, then it will be back down for Luton.

Saturday's game, in the warm sun at Kenilworth Road, was another nail-biting affair but, unlike the previous week at Birmingham, Luton produced the tremendous urgency and spirit only in the second half, when they were already a goal adrift.

Tueart, arguably the best City player on the day, fastened onto a bad back pass by Jim Ryan, rounded Buckley and neatly drove the ball home after 13 minutes.

But Ryan was allowed to atone for that mistake during the Luton stampede on the City goal.

Aston floated over a corner kick, one of umpteen which Luton forced. Corrigan, after pushing the ball out, chased it almost to the edge of the area, where Ryan lobbed the ball home.

Luton —Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Litt (King: 68 min), Jim Ryan, Husband, Alston West, Aston.

Man. City —Corrigan; Hammond, Donachie, Doyle, Booth, Oakes, Hartford, Bell, Marsh (Keegan: 85 min.), Daniels, Tueart.