

LUTON'S HILL TOO BIG FOR BURNLEY

Burnley 1 Luton 2

LUTON must have been wondering if there wasn't any justice in the world, until their dusky 17-year-old giant Rickie Hill popped up with a richly deserved winner in the 79th minute.

It was a setup that had gone begging for most of the afternoon. Hill stationed himself at the far post as John Aston, for the umpteenth time, went ghosting past the unhappy Derek Scott.

The centre came winging across and Hill reached for the sky to send his header rocketing just under the angle of bar and post.

On the half-hour it looked as if this was not to be Luton's day. When a shot from Dixie Deans was blocked point blank by Peyton the ball skidded away onto the foot of Jimmy Husband. But, from no more than three or four yards, he poked a shot so tamely that Terry Pashley was able to send it flying upfield from under the bar.

In the face of this pressure Burnley had the downright cheek to go in front in the 36th minute — and Keith Barner must take the full blame for it.

Peter Noble's shot was apparently well covered by the 'keeper but he allowed it to run free and Paul Bradshaw gratefully planted it home.

Fortunately the interval saw Luton back on terms. Three minutes before the break overcame a centre—need one say, from Aston — and a miscued attempt by Chambers ended up as a nice pass for Deans to power through with a diving header.

There was only one shadow on a fine Luton performance—the bookings of Aston for shirt pulling and Paul Futchner for fouling Bradshaw.