

LUTON HERO SENT OFF

STRIKER Les Chapman scored after 57 minutes to break the deadlock and give Oldham the points.

They just about deserved the win in a humdrum game where there were few clear-cut chances.

Oldham manager Jimmy Rizzell was disappointed by Athletic's lack of punch and application.

And Luton's brilliant young defender Paul Futch, the man who foiled the best of Oldham's efforts for so long, was utterly dejected.

He was booked in the 78th minute for dissent after a foul on Chapman. . . and less than a minute later the England Under-23 international was sent off for a late tackle on Alan Groves.

Until then Luton were always in the hunt for a point. Three minutes before Futch's departure, they almost pulled it off when Jimmy Husband and David Carr both missed a cross from full back Paul Price.

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Oldham 1 Luton 0

On a sharper day, it was a chance that would have been knocked in.

Athletic lumbered aimlessly along for 35 minutes before they showed the spark that was to win them the game. By then Town could have been two goals up.

Ronnie Blair should have scored but could only glance his header wide, from a Paul Edwards cross.

The goal came when Vic Halom struck the ball out to the left and Chapman sent a cross to the far post.

The wind curled the ball out of the reach of 'keeper Milija Aleksic's reach.

Five minutes later Aleksic, booked earlier for dissent, made the best save of the game holding a cracking shot from Carl Valentine.

The third man to be booked was Halom, just before the end for a foul on the 'keeper.