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Luton 1 Fulham 0

PUSHING into the Second Division promotion places for the first time this season, Luton showed the class worthy of their high position.

For long periods they outplayed a good Fulham side and it was thanks to the brilliance of 20-year-old Gerry Peyton in the Fulham goal that the Londoners avoided a pasting.

In the second half he made a fantastic reflex save in mid-air to keep out a header by Fuccillo.

He followed up with two more excellent saves to keep out shots by Paul Price and Jimmy Husband.

Luton had taken the lead in the 36th minute through defender John Faulkner who got up to head in a corner by skipper Alan West for his first goal of the season.

The presence of George Best pulled in Luton's first five-figure gate of the season, but it was not until the last quarter of an hour when Fulham came more into the game that the fans saw him shine.

Pressure

By this time Peyton had withstood tremendous Luton pressure and the home lead looked a little slender when 17-year-old Tony Gale headed on to the bar.

In the same hectic closing period John Evanson, whose fine game was marred by a booking for a foul on Price in the 56 minute, shot into the side netting and Milija Aleksic saved on the line from John Mitchell.

But Fulham manager Bobby Campbell was not complaining. "We could have had a couple at the end, but I am not arguing about the results. Luton played very well and gave Peyton his busiest afternoon of the season."

LUTON. — Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Paul Futoher, Husband, Hill, Ron Futoher, Fuccillo, Boersma. Sub: Heale.

FULHAM. — Peyton; Evans, Strong, Howe, Lacy, Gale, Best, Margerrison, Mitchell, Mahoney, Evanson. Sub: Sullivan.