

CHRIS CHEERS LUTON

LUTON manager David Pleat dropped 'keeper Milija Aleksic for the first time since he joined the club two years ago and brought in £15,000 Everton buy David Lawson.

He said Aleksic had been dropped following a row but refused to comment further, saying: "It is an internal club matter."

But Lawson was rarely tested by the Newcastle attack.

Newcastle were not helped when fell-back Peter Kelly was stretched off with damaged knee, ligaments in the 36th minute after a tackle on Luton's Brian Stein who had put Luton one up in the 23rd minute.

A sweeping through pass by Alan West was nodded on by Bob Hatton. Stein brilliantly headed it down and swept it past Steve Hardwick.

Newcastle substitute Mark McGee went into the attack

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and there was a wholesale shuffle to accommodate him.

He missed the chance of putting the Geordies on terms a minute before the interval when he beat Lawson with a firm header but Alan West was on the spot to head off the line.

Header

Newcastle had another chance early in the second half when Luton defence presented Peter Withe with a free header by the near post—but he was off target.

They rarely looked like getting goals after this and Luton centre-half Chris Turner eventually sewed up the game when he moved up for a free-kick by Lil Fuccillo on the edge of the box and headed his first goal for the club in the 84th minute.