

Whiz-kid West

LUTON'S sizzling attack — they are top scorers at home in the Second Division — gave Newcastle a fistful of problems.

United faced non-stop aggression, prompted by the brilliant West, from the word go.

But it was a Newcastle player, Hibbitt, who forced Hardwick to his first save after two minutes. The keeper had to dive to

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clutch a dangerous back-pass.

Newcastle lived dangerously, and Luton threw away two good chances.

Hibbitt fouled Stein and West tapped the free-kick forward to Turner who shot over the bar. Then a West cross was headed against a post by Hatton, sive error.

But Luton's pressure inevitably told in the end. Stein did the trick, pushing the ball over the line after a Newcastle defence.

Luton were so much on top that David Lawson, signed from Everton and playing his first League game of the season, didn't have a save to make until after 24 minutes.

Nothing went right for Newcastle. Kelly was taken off on a stretcher after a tackle with Stein and they carried on with 10 men for four minutes. Until McGee came on as substitute.

But generally Newcastle were struggling and near the end Turner headed Luton's second from a free kick by Fuccillo after a foul by Blackley.

LUTON: Lawson 7 — Price 7, Donaghy 7, Turner 7, Aizlewood 7 — *WEST 9, Carr 7, Fuccillo 8 — Stein 8, Hatton 7, Moss 8.

NEWCASTLE: Hardwick 7 — Brownlie 6, Barton 6, Blackley 7, Kelly (inj.) 6 — Walker 7, Mitchell 6, Hibbitt 6 — *SUGGETT 8, Withe 6, Connolly 7. Sub.: McGee 6.

Ref.: M. Sinclair (Guildford) 5.