

LUTON IN REVIVAL MOOD

Luton Town 0, Stoke City 0

THOSE soccer voices which advocate a winter break for the good of all were hard pressed to find backing for their argument at Kenilworth Road last night.

True, the crowd at 6,462 said much for the prevailing weather but Stoke's First Division ambitions and survival instincts of Luton combined to provide a warming match on a chilly night despite the lack of goals.

The lively pace of the ball on the rock-hard surface made control difficult and frequent changes of boots was needed to establish a satisfactory foothold.

Stoke forced the early pace and showed their attacking qualities in the first minute when O'Callaghan headed narrowly wide from a free-kick. But Luton hit back spasmodically and Jones was forced to make a smart save from Moss.

The control of the game changed, however, in the second half as Luton ran almost non-stop at Stoke. Donaghy had the ball into the net, but the effort was disallowed for a handling offence by Taylor.

Luton.—Lawson; Stephens, Carr, Donaghy, Turner, Price, West, Hill, Taylor, Hatton, Moss.

Stoke.—Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.