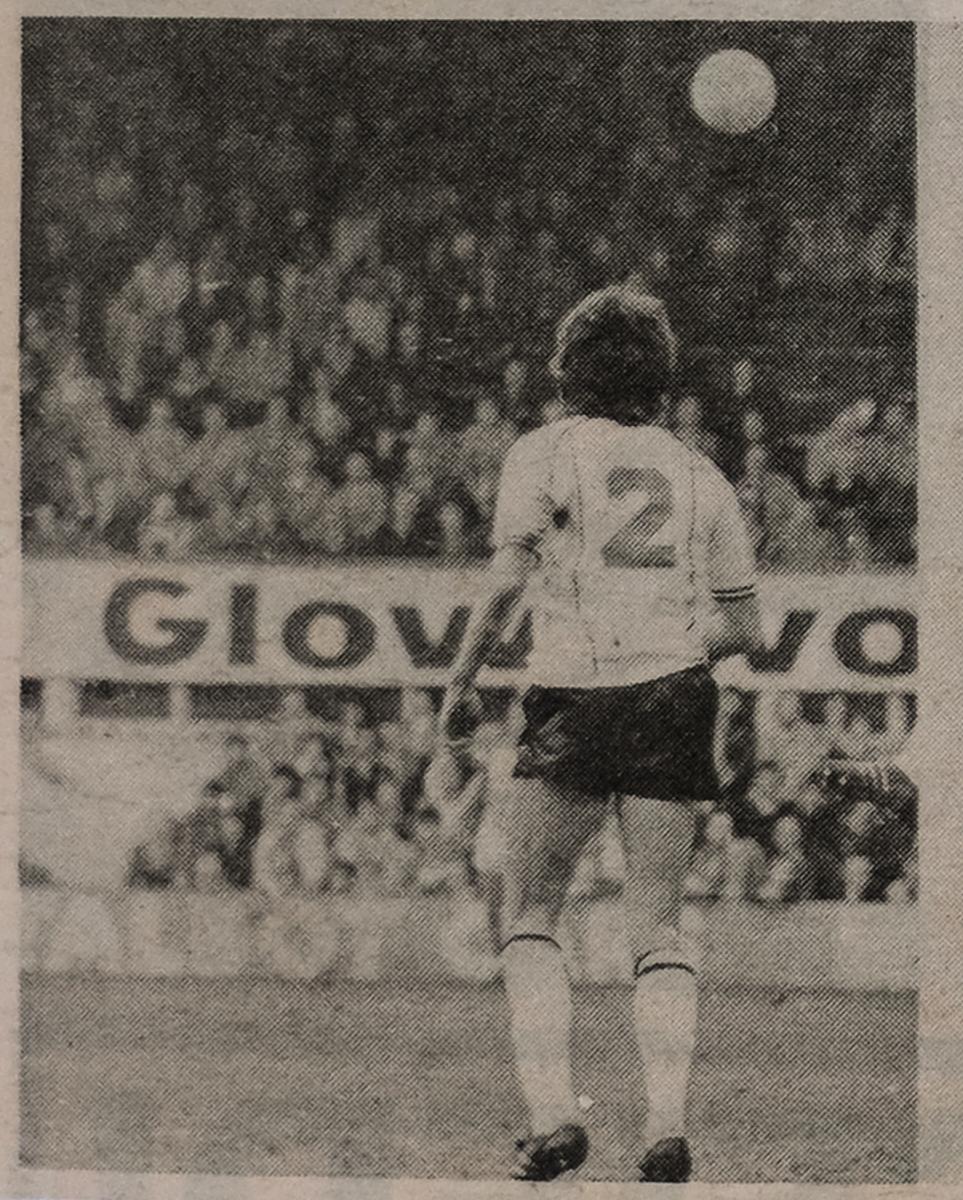
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• Above: Brian Stein poses problems for the Derby defence. Below: Ex-Hatter Steve Buckley clears his lines.





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LUTON TOWN manager David Pleat refused to show any sense of dismay as his side lost their accustomed position at the top of the Second Division.

Saturday's draw was the Hatters' fifth successive game without a win and enabled arch rivals Watford, 3-0 winners at home to Bolton, to sneak above them.

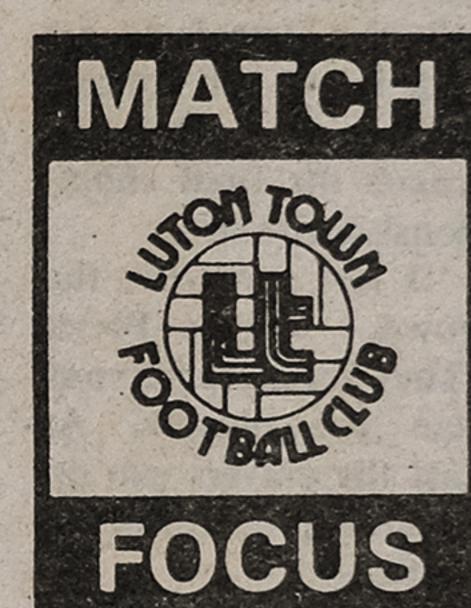
Despite the stutter that is preceding Luton's runin to the championship Pleat maintained: "I was perfectly satisfied with an away point.

"We might have lost the leadership, but we do still have eight home games left to play.

"We have to try to forget the league table and concentrate on getting our game back together.

Luton played plenty of controlled football and generally enjoyed midfield control at the Baseball Ground, but could not translate that into the necessary incision near goal.

Pleat admitted: "Perhaps we were a bit the crowd were too too poised, playing with a bit too much rhythm. We tried to push it about like Liverpool but we did it before we got a goal.



sides "But both played some good football. It was a very clean game and I don't think depressed by it all."

The gate of 15,836 was Derby's second biggest of the season. For most of them the main focus of interest was

THE TEAMS

DERBY: Banovic, Barton, Buckley, McAlle, Skivington, Sheridan, Wilson, Attley, George, Swindlehurst, Emson. Sub: Hector. LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Turner, Moss. Sub: Antic.



Richard Money — good debut.

Charlie George's first home appearance since re-signing for Derby, but his contribution was minimal.

There was evidence of the George firepower and the Hatters gave him no the ball away. opportunity to settle on the ball in midfield.

Far more effective in that department was Luton's Wayne Turner, just recalled from his pulled his shot inches long spell loan at Lin- wide of the far post. coln, where he was deployed at full-back.

ball-winning qualities ensured Town's front runners enjoyed rather more of counterparts.

volved in most of the tack. better things produced header from Mal Buckley, a former Wilson.

Luton player.

Two minutes before the break Stein's header from David Moss' right wing corner caught Der-Yakka keeper Banovic off balance and he just managed to fist

Luton's best chance in the second period fell to Turner, set up by Richard Money's thoughtful pass, but he

Money, playing his first game since his loan signing from Liverpool, settled comfortably into his left-back role.

He was not extended the ball than their Derby defensively and his overlapping runs con-Brian Stein was in- tributed regularly in at-

Jake Findlay was by Luton and in the 13th seriously tested just minute his glancing once. In the 51st minute he catapulted himself to Donaghy's headed pass his right to push to safewas cleared off the line ty a fiercely struck shot by home skipper Steve on the turn by Kevin