

Leicester 0, Luton Town 0

FOR the first time in 16 matches, Leicester's defence maintained a clean bill of health. But their goal supply dried up and this goalless draw with Luton merely extended their poor home form this season, writes Henry Morton.

Defences were dominant throughout and both captains, Leicester's O'Neill and Luton's Foster, looked the part in marshalling their respective rearguards.

Luton had the better of the first half when their attacking play was more direct than Leicester's laboured approach. But they found it hard to muster a finish of any consequence, with Preece, Newell and Harford all off target and Andrews proving competent enough to foil Donaghy and Newell.

Though Leicester were forced to concede the initiative before half time, top scorer Smith almost gave them the lead when he sneaked unnoticed behind the visiting defence, but fired high and wide.

Smith again, getting through on to a super pass from O'Neill, almost did the trick in the 49th minute, but Foster read the situation perfectly, and squeezed the ball inches beyond the upright to safety.

That, however, gave Leicester hope, and with substitute Banks teaming up with midfielder McAllister, they pressed hard, but their finishing proved as wayward as Luton's had earlier.

Leicester: Andrews, Feeley, Morgan, McAllister, Osman, O'Neill, Lynex, Sealy, A. Smith, Mauchlen, Cunningham. Sub: Banks/Cunningham 59.

Luton: Sealey, Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, King, Newell, Harford, Breacker, Preece. Sub: Stein/King 63.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool).