

Clive's a hit again

ALL EYES were on Luton's big Mick Harford, the man in line for an 11th-hour World Cup call up. But, in front of England manager Bobby Robson, it was forgotten international Clive Allen and First Division rookie Mike Newell who grabbed the spotlight.

It was Robson's second look at the lanky Luton striker in a week and Harford could, and should, have seized this golden opportunity.

Ironically, then, that a couple of years ago it was Allen's international career that seemed to be taking off. But a succession of injuries has put him out of the running.

There was, however, a hint of that old Allen goal-poaching flair about his 19th-minute effort that looked for so long

as if it would win this match for fast-improving Spurs.

A long, punted clearance from Ray Clemence looked easy meat for Luton's defence, but for once Steve Foster misjudged the bounce. Allen swooped, hooking left-footed into the roof of the net beyond the advancing 'keeper Les Sealey.

It was the sort of spontaneous finishing that Harford couldn't match. It was left to Newell to dive to Luton's

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rescue.

And with just one minute remaining he couldn't have left his spectacularly headed equaliser any later though he would be the first to thank the astute approach work of Ricky Hill and the increasingly impressive Rob Johnson.

LUTON.—Sealey ; Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Newell, Preece. Sub : Breaker.

SPURS. — Clemence ; Allen (P), Hughton, Mabbutt, Millr, Stevens, Chidozie, Falco, Galvin, Allen (C) Waddle. Sub : Bowen.