

Luton able 86/87 to expose the facts

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THE shots were still being fired an hour after the match by David Evans, the Luton chairman.

Fresh from the televised verbal bout with Peter Swales, his Manchester City counterpart, Mr Evans mapped out his strategy for regaining Luton's place in the Littlewoods Cup.

Luton's fate in the competition depends on a meeting of League chairman on Oct. 6, and Mr Evans admitted: "If there was a vote tomorrow we would lose it.

"But things might change when the chairmen are presented with the facts. There won't be any lobbying or glossy presentation. We're just going to give them the facts."

Peaceful day

The boycotting of Saturday's match by Manchester City officials suggests Peter Swales's mind is already made up.

Had he cared to observe Luton's members only experiment he would have witnessed a peaceful afternoon — on the terraces and in Luton's defence.

Manchester City were awful, and the presence of Mr Swales and his board could only have lessened stand-in manager Jimmy Frizzell's chances of landing permanently the job vacated by Billy McNeill.

Luton showered City's inadequately protected goal with an assortment of efforts — particularly from Brian and Mark Stein.

Fortunately for City, Suckling was in marevellous form, but in the outfield department only the graft of McNab and Hopkins caught the eye.

Simpson provided City's only half reasonable on target effort in the 22nd minutes and justice was done when Brian Stein converted one of Luton's numerous chances in the 80th minute.

Luton Town.—Sealey, Johnson, Foster, Donaghy, Grimes, Hill, Nicholas, Preece, M. Stein, B. Stein, Newell.

Manchester City.—Suckling, May, Clements, McCarthy, Redmond, Wilson, Hopkins, McNab, Christie (White, 84), Ford, Simpson.