



John Wark (left) gets in his shot despite this typical Luton blanket defence. But, like so many other Liverpool attempts, it was well saved by goalkeeper Les Sealey

Luton earn another cup encounter — at home

By Denis Lowe
Liverpool 0, Luton Town 0
 (after extra time)

LUTON, who have never been successful in their 10 League and Cup visits to Liverpool's fortress, produced a notable result against the odds at Anfield last night when they held the FA Cup holders after extra time to earn a second replay of this third round tie.

To make an even happier night for Luton, they won the toss for choice of ground—made in advance at Lancaster Gate—and Liverpool, no lovers of the artificial surface, must play again on Kenilworth Road's plastic pitch tomorrow.

While Luton deserve full credit for their gritty performance, particularly by a well organised and disciplined defence, Liverpool's followers in a 34,822 crowd will look back with surprise on their team's failure to qualify for a fourth round home game with Queens Park Rangers.

Walsh, a former Luton striker, Wark and Johnston all failed with useful close-range opportunities, but the game's biggest miss, amazingly achieved by Rush, came in the 66th minute.

Sealey dashed out to block Wark's shot after a fine upfield run by Gillespie, and a goal looked certain when the ball rebounded to Rush, in the clear 10 yards out. The free-scoring Welshman steadied himself, by drove wide.

Often under siege in the

Luton goal, Sealey made a number of first-rate saves, especially from Walsh, Johnston and Molby, while Donaghy and Foster were in commanding mood at the heart of the visiting defence.

Liverpool can at times point to ill-luck, and Luton had

'Back to the original tie'

After the goalless draw with Luton Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said: "We would have loved to have won it, but we are not too disappointed because we are still in the cup.

"It is now back to the original tie, but they must feel as if they got out of jail. If we keep playing like that the breaks might go our way on Wednesday."

Commenting on the fact that Liverpool fans will be excluded from Kenilworth Road, Dalglish said "If they refuse a neutral venue, then there is nothing we can do about it.

"It is nice to see the FA taking the fans into consideration again."

another escape when Molby's shot rebounded from the far post, (105 mins) and struck

Sealey in the legs before being scrambled clear.

Foster, however, was jeered by the home crowd after some heavy and illegal tackles on Rush, and Sussex referee Allen Gunn took time to produce his note book despite a series of late and over-vigorous challenges on either side.

Foster, in fact, was the last of four men to be cautioned for another tackle from behind on Rush in extra time while Liverpool's Johnston (dissent) and Luton's Stein and Nicholas (fouls) were the other offenders.

Grobbelaar, a spectator for long periods, did have to make two important saves. Liverpool's agile goalkeeper first held Stein's 37th minute shot after a shrewd pass from Newell, a former Liverpool junior, and then defied the bustling Hartford (64) when Hill and Newell linked up.

There were other near misses by Rush, Molby and Walsh before the game went into extra time, and after Molby's effort had struck the woodwork, Liverpool's last victory chance went when Johnston skied over.

Liverpool will be playing their fourth match in eight days tomorrow and the odds may have swung back in Luton's favour.

Liverpool.—Grobbelaar, Gillespie, Venison, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Walsh, Johnston, Rush, Molby, Wark.

Luton Town.—Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes.