

Flying Luton ground holders

Liverpool 0, Luton 0: By COLIN WOOD

LUTON, stranded at Heathrow the first time they tried to make it to Anfield, put 120 minutes of effort — through extra time — into ensuring that their eventual journey for this third round FA Cup replay was not wasted.

Liverpool's defending title-holders soon learned what sort of a night it was to be when skipper Alan Hansen and top marksman Ian Rush went down in the first few minutes and had long sessions of treatment. Hansen had blood streaming down his face after an accidental collision with former Liverpool junior Mike Newell, while Rush was clearly worried by an ankle injury when Steve Foster caught him as he cleared the ball.

Both carried on as Liverpool tried desperately to master a defiant Luton though Hansen needed three stitches in the gash at half-time.

Luton's solid defending proved too much for Liverpool as the second half went on. Liverpool appeared short of attacking ideas and the match went into extra time.

Opportunity

The visiting fans displayed a banner proclaiming 'Luton like grass too'. And the men whose plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road has caused so much controversy and was criticised by Liverpool player manager Kenny Dalglish after the goalless draw in the first meeting of this tie, certainly looked at home on the lush green Anfield surface.

They fought, in the right way, all over the pitch, defending stoutly and attacking adventurously whenever they sensed an opportunity to break.

But it was goalkeeper Les Sealey who kept Liverpool out, plunging to his left to make a one-handed save from a Craig Johnston shot, then soaring to turn a drive from Paul Walsh over the crossbar. He also

Liverpool regret...

LIVERPOOL, whose fans' involvement in the Heysel disaster led to English clubs being banned from Europe, have had to turn down an invitation to play a friendly in Bordeaux — even though they had the all-clear from UEFA. A fixtures pile-up keeps Liverpool at home and Everton will go instead.

rushed out bravely to save at the feet of Hansen as he broke clear.

Territorially Luton held their own, but their only real chance of the first half came when Newell sent Brian Stein away and his low shot was saved by Bruce Grobbelaar.

Hansen was a few seconds late appearing for the second half because of treatment but the rest of his team needed no delay to get into their stride. Mark Lawrenson and John Wark went close and then Rush missed badly after Sealey could only block another effort from Wark.