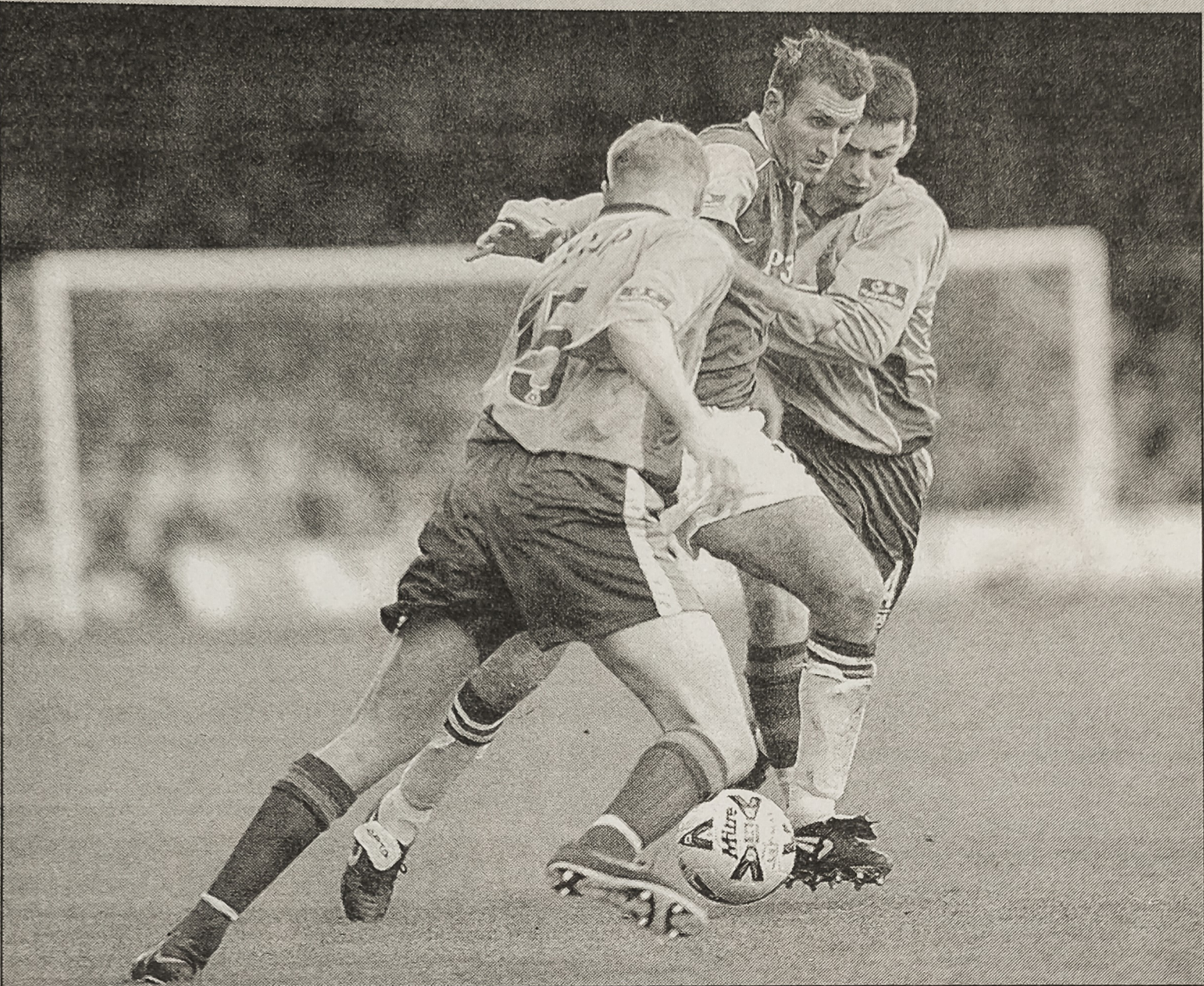


Midgley double decks Burnley



UNDER PRESSURE: Burnley's Glen Little tries to find a way through during his side's defeat at Kenilworth Road yesterday

BURNLEY boss Stan Ternent felt his side were unlucky not to claim a point after a strong second-half display against Luton at Kenilworth Road.

Neil Midgley's double strike enabled Luton to extend their undefeated home record in the Second Division to end Burnley's four-match unbeaten run.

But a frustrated Ternent groaned: "We battered Luton in the second half and we are feeling very frustrated that we didn't win.

"We deserved to get something out of that because in the second half particularly we had Luton on the ropes after we got our equaliser."

Luton edged the first half but Gary Doherty saw a header cleared off the line by Paul Cook.

At the other end Mitchell Thomas, a former Luton favourite making his first visit back after a transfer at the end of last season, forced Nathan Abbey into a good save to tip a header over the bar.

But, for the most part, defences held the upper hand until two goals in a minute raised

Ternent's terriers put the bite on Luton in second-half surge

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the tempo early in the second half. First Liam George went on a solo run going past two defenders and then delivered a hard low cross which Midgley converted with a sharp shot to give Luton the lead.

But while their biggest crowd of the season were still celebrating Glen Little carved open Luton's left flank and Andy Cook netted at the far post from his cross.

Luton came again and got the winner on 68 minutes with Midgley completing the first league double of his career.

He is on loan from Ipswich where he cannot get first team football and underlined his potential by setting up Stuart Douglas for a right

wing run and cross and moving into a near post position to meet the ball when Douglas delivered. Midgley squeezed his shot into a tiny gap between goalkeeper and post.

Burnley tried to hit back but Emmerson Boyce cleared off the line from the industrious Cooke.

Luton: Abbey, Doherty, Watts, Johnson, Boyce, Spring, McLaren, Taylor, George, Midgley, Douglas. Subs: Locke, Sodje, Kandol, McIndoe, Ward.

Burnley: Crichton, Brass, Thomas, Davies, Armstrong, Little, Mullin, Mellon, Cook, Cooke, Payton. Subs: Jepson, Branch, Lee, Robertson, Weller.

Referee: F Stretton (Nottingham).