

Half-back Morton showed Luton how to score

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WHATEVER faults Luton and Derby may have—and the complete list would occupy much of this story—I can politely and honestly give them credit for trying.

Certainly Derby, with all the worst of the luck, were always fighting to relieve their dangerous League position. Two goals down at half-time, they were on the attack for most of the second half, but one goal was all they could manage.

With few exceptions the players on both sides had not the skill to control a lively ball on the hard pitch. They found it difficult, too, to judge the strength needed for the long pass.

As a result, although the play was fast, combined moves were few. Again, the shooting of both attacks was appalling, and the best scoring efforts came from the wing-halves or from Derby right-back Mozley.

It was Luton's right-half Morton who put his side ahead (seven minutes) with a cracking shot following a move that brought the ball square across the pitch from the left corner flag.

While Derby centre-forward Wilkins was in the dressing room for attention to a cut over his left eye, and right on the interval, Luton inside-right Downie beat Derby centre-half Young and left-back Barrowcliffe before angling his shot well for Luton's second.

A corner kick by outside-left Law led to Derby's goal (52 mins.), left-half Bell rushing up to slam the ball home past the astonished Jones, who was standing on the goal-line.