

# There's no answer to Revie's plan!

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UNDER fantastic conditions, in which the snow held down all the players, Luton became the latest club to realise there is no effective antidote to Manchester City's Don Revie plan.

Although Luton have my sympathies for having to be beaten on such an appalling day, there was little question, once City overcame their first indecisive 30 minutes, as to who would win.

Always to be found somewhere near the halfway line was the masterful Revie, a player whose

sheer football ability gave him all the time he required to size up the game and then place the ball where he wanted it. Luton's plan was to have non-stop right half, Jim Pemberton, chasing Revie wherever he went—and Pemberton did his job manfully.

But the shrewd Revie often "disappeared," and Pemberton was left wondering where City's lynch-pin had gone as a Manchester City attack developed.

The first 30 minutes in normal conditions could have proved fatal for Manchester. Luton turned on their steam-roller system, with all five forwards converging on goal, but, unlike their normal tactics, the Luton forwards seemed to want too much time to shoot. When they did attempt to put in a final shot at the end of a dazzling move, however, the City defence, which revolves around the vastly-improved Ewing, was invariably there to block the ball.

## Astonishing!

Nearest thing came in the 20th minute when, from a clever lob by Morton, inside right Turner found himself with the ball at his feet. But his studied side-foot shot went astonishingly across the face of the open goal.

Ten minutes later that man Revie started City's first scoring movement. Ten yards inside his own half he slid a pass out to right half Barnes, and he put Fagan away. The little winger

pulled the ball inside Aherne and chipped the ball across the Luton goalmouth.

Frozen-fingered Baynham dived out to meet it, clutched it for a second, but saw it slip out of his grasp. Welsh international Roy Clarke, with the ball at his feet, made no mistake.

Clarke also scored City's second in the 60th minute, and again the goal will be regarded in Luton as another tragedy.

Revie (there's no keeping him out of it) collected the ball near the right touchline and swung a rather aimless centre into the Luton penalty area.

Right-back Dunne, with all Bedfordshire in which to aim his clearance, miskicked—and again Clarke found himself unmarked with the ball at his feet. And for the second time he made no mistake, shooting low past Baynham.

## Most attractive

As the game progressed in the blinding snowstorm, Manchester City proved my contention that, under normal conditions, they are the most attractive side in the country to watch.

On the ice rink known as Kenilworth Road they proved another thing. It is that an outstanding team will be outstanding under any conditions.

The Manchester magic of course, stems from Revie, but we must not forget the superb covering of the City defence, in which