

LUTON PROVE TOO SMART FOR WOLVES

WOLVES 1, LUTON 2

CELEBRATING their first-ever League visit to Wolverhampton and the return of a firmer surface Luton astonished Wolves by the ordered sprightliness of their play. They were lively where Wolves were sluggish, eager and constructive where Wolves lacked zip and method.

From Baynham, so sure and safe in his handling, right through to outside-left Adam, these Luton lads demonstrated a calm and unhurried approach to the game, which contrasted with Wolves' spasms of power play.

Wolves had their moments. There was one in the 11th minute when Wilshaw crashed a ball past Baynham and saw it hit the underside of the bar and come hurtling back.

Before he scored the goal that made him top Wolves goalscorer, Hancocks slammed an easy chance past a post, while Baynham could only thrust a boot to a Booth shot that the crowd were already applauding as a winner.

But Luton made more chances. Turner went close, Davies hit the foot of a post and then Williams, fumbling a long shot from Gregory, fell full length to clutch it desperately.

Luton's luck seemed to be out

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when Turner was hurt in a tackle and limped off. But while he was out of action Davies put them in the lead with a great header.

Then, with Turner back but limping painfully, Gregory netted his first League goal. What a grand one it was! While Wright and Shorthouse dithered in tackles he squeezed past them and hit a ball from the edge of the box that Williams never saw.

Again, in the second half, Luton were reduced to ten men. This time left-back Jones was the victim.

Wolves sensed their chance and attacked, not so much confidently as desperately.

The game took fire. Turner crashed a shot against a post with his sound leg. At the other end Baynham dived, leapt and saved to prove himself England's No. 1 'keeper.

With two cripples in the forward line—Jones had gone to outside-left—Luton had more than their share of trouble. But how they fought.

Nine fit men defended like heroes to win both points. They deserved 10.

SCORESHEET. — Wolves: Hancocks (35 min.). Luton: Davies (22 min.), Gregory (42 min.).



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