

ONLY SID OWEN ^{56/57} WAS TOPS

Luton T.0 Aston Villa 0

STANDING head and shoulders above everyone else in this poor match was Luton centre-half Sid Owen, back in the side after an attack of lumbago. He didn't put a foot wrong.

It was a pity the rest of the Luton team didn't follow their skipper's example. The forwards, reinforced by the return of centre-forward Bob Morton, had no zip or method.

Although they weaved some admirable patterns in the first half, they were strangely shot-shy.

Goalkeepers Bernard Streten and Nigel Sims made a couple of great saves but they had an easy evening.

Once, in the first half, Sims scooped out, one-handed, a cracking shot from Gordon Turner, and Streten made a brilliant save from McParland.

Villa's half-back line, Baxter, Dugdale and Seward, was in fine form and Aldis and Hogg gave Town wingers Cullen and Adam little scope.

On this showing, with a little more punch in attack, they will not face the fight against relegation—as they did last season.

Villa went near to getting both points in the closing stages. Ex-Wolves outside right Les Smith twice almost scored.

Luton Town: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Femberton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.

Aston Villa: Sims; Hogg, Aldis; Baxter, Dugdale, Seward; Smith, Sewell, Pa Dixon, McParland.