



● *Luton's Baynham clears from Birmingham's Eddie Brown.*

BRUM WERE FAR TOO SLICK FOR LUTON

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BIRMINGHAM 3, LUTON 0

HERE was a swashbuckling Birmingham City. Make no mistake—the snap and drive missing for a few matches has quickly returned and well Luton, handicapped for more than half the time through an injury to inside-right Gordon Turner, knew it long before the end.

The Birmingham wing-halves, particularly Roy Warhurst, quickly put paid to the promising work in attack that came from Luton in the first ten minutes.

After that it was Birmingham all the way, with Eddie Brown leading the Luton defence into all sorts of tangles.

There was only one weak link in the Birmingham front line and

that was on the right-wing, where Gordon Astall did not click with his usual efficiency. Still, there was Peter Murphy back at inside-left to make up for these shortcomings with intelligent work shared with winger Govan.

Wee Alex Govan was generally a shade too quick on the move for Dunne, Luton's Eire right-back. And with centre-half Owen being thrown off balance by the speed and quick change of direction by Brown, it was not surprising that gaps opened in Luton.

Luton tried to use the long through-pass to get them out of trouble and give the attack the chance to throw off the City halves. But it did not work, for Trevor Smith was a giant in the middle.

Luton's 17-year-old winger, Roland Legate, like Birmingham's Brian Orritt, playing in his second League match, was hardly in the game. Davies, on the right-wing, was far more effective.

Baynham caused a surprise by making one bad mistake which led to Birmingham's second goal. But he made up for that failure with some fine saves afterwards, though he was lucky when Brown and Warhurst both hit a post.

SCORESHEET. — Birmingham: Brown (12 and 51 min.), Orritt (16 min.).