

Viollet's lesson can speed-up revival

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Manchester United 2 Luton Town 1

MANCHESTER UNITED are on their way back. Only some phenomenal goalkeeping by Ron Baynham prevented a rout in the last ten minutes, when the Luton goalmouth was bombarded by Bobby Charlton, Warren Bradley and Albert Quixall. Quixall's power drive, which hit full-back Ken Hawkes on the legs as he stood on the goal line and rebounded into play, was a typical example of how luck deserted United.

I am sure Hawkes was unaware of what was happening, and with Baynham well out of reach this was a fluke clearance.

United's first home victory for two months was well earned. In the opening 25 minutes they moved the ball smoothly across field and every forward was running into the open space.

This revival brought two quick goals. Luton's defenders were powerless and hurried clearances were dangerously sliced.

Dennis Viollet's experience acted as a wonderful tonic, and he developed a rich understanding with Warren Bradley on the right wing.

Albert Quixall would do well to copy this, but he, Bobby Charlton and Albert Scanlon tried too hard to maintain their reputations. They must remember that Soccer is a team game.

Cool Carolan

Luton, after showing signs of recovery, were handicapped by an injury to Scottish international centre-forward Allan Brown, who had three stitches inserted into a mouth wound during the interval.

Billy Bingham moved into the middle and proved a real live wire. Twice he came near to equalising.

Gordon Turner should have done better than shoot straight at Harry Gregg from a penalty kick conceded by the goalkeeper when he pulled Bingham down.

United's defence, though not quite so shaky as Luton's, had its moments of uncertainty. I exempt from criticism Joe Carolan, making his League debut. The Irishman looked the coolest man afield and I predict a great future.

Few people who saw his performance will believe that he was so nervous before the game that he was sick in the dressing-rooms.

SCORERS. — Manchester United: Viollet (1min), Charlton (11). Luton Town: Cummins (19).

MATCH RATINGS. — Skill: Manchester United 7, Luton Town 7, Entertainment 8, Sportsmanship 8, Control 9.

MANCHESTER UNITED. — Gregg 7; Foulkes 7, Carolan 7; Goodwin 8, Cope 7, McGuinness 7; Bradley 8, Quixall 7, Viollet 8, Charlton 7, Scanlon 6.

LUTON TOWN. — Baynham 9; Dunne 7, Hawkes 7; Morton 6, Owen 5, Pacey 6; Bingham 8, Turner 8, Brown 7, Cummins 7, Adam 8.

REFEREE. — Mr J S Swain (Cleethorpes).