

That Red Devil touch is creeping back again

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THE devil is creeping back into those red shirts of Manchester United. But make no mistake, ten minutes of the sloppiest defence play I've seen all season gave them these points.

Luton trotted through the opening phase of the match as though it were a friendly preliminary. United weren't having any—they clicked magnificently from the word go—and bombarded ex-England 'keeper Baynham from all angles.

But it was only a clumsy attempt to clear by Sid Owen that let in Dennis Viollet for No. 1. It was only fatal and needless hesitation that allowed Warren Bradley to tee-up a second for rocket-shot Bobby Charlton.

Luton thereafter cut out the carelessness and looked a competent and occasionally dangerous side.

As their confidence grew, so United's high-strung impulsive attack flickered and flashed like a light bulb about to go.

Viollet best

When tireless inside-left George Cummins put one in for Luton United wavered.

Came the second half. Crack-shot Gordon Turner slammed a penalty—awarded for a Gregg rough tackle on Bingham—straight at Gregg and that was the end of Luton's challenge.

Towards the close Bradley very nearly wriggled through three times and brilliant Albert Quixall had a first-timer booted off the line.

It was a fast, thrilling game most of the time. Top honours go to Dennis Viollet, who, besides striking up a formidable partnership with Bradley, held his line together superbly.

New boy Joe Carolan, at left-back never looked quite at ease, but showed the touches at the right times—a footballer's main job.

FORM REPORT

MANCHESTER UTD.: Gregg 7; Foulkes 7, Carolan 6; Goodwin 6, Cope 7, McGuinness 8; Bradley 7, Quixall 8, *VIOLETT 9, Charlton 6, Scanlon 6.
LUTON TOWN: Baynham 7; Dunne 7, Hawkes 6; Morton 8, Owen 7, Pacey 6; Bingham 7, Turner 7, Brown 6, *CUMMINS 8, Adam 7.