

Both Luton and Manchester United came in for a verbal lashing from the critics after that first-half "Battle of Kenilworth-road."

"It was certainly not pretty to watch a Cup Final side being toyed with as Luton were in the first half-hour. It was a different story on the turn-round, however, and where Albert Scanlon had been such a danger before, he was now well held by Brendan McNally."—"The People."

"Shame on you, Luton! Shame on you, United! Two teams of this calibre—one the Cup Finalists and the other chasing the Division! title—should not have allowed themselves to be concerned in such a display of footbrawl."—"Empire News."

"Luton, without the steadying influence of skipper Sid Owen and with Barry Hawkes, brother of their left-back, at outside-left, should have been well behind at half-time."—"Sunday Pictorial."

"For the last quarter of an hour of the first half this game blazed into a fist and boot fight that was a disgrace to both teams."—"Sunday Dispatch."

"Tough tackling and frayed tempers spoiled this clash of the Cup Finalists and the League title challengers." — "News of the World."

"An ugly incident that came very near to marching orders for Cup Final Luton's Irish international right - winger Billy Bingham marred this scrambling game."—"Sunday Graphic."