

LUTON FORWARDS

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West Ham 0, Luton 0

SYD OWEN, veteran Luton skipper and centre half, is a man who believes in giving all he's got, all the time.

He led his team out last night with one idea — to win.

And they failed only because the Luton attack did not respond to his example.

Syd dominated the match. West Ham's forwards frantically tried to prove that the defence he marshalled so brilliantly could be cracked.

They failed because John Bond, normally a full back,

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was a flop at centre forward. And because the other four relied more on sheer exuberance than skill.

Except for Billy Bingham, the fighting Irish outside right, Luton's attack lacked lustre.

Yet they came nearest to scoring. George Cummins, inside left, took a first-time crack at goal when Bingham dropped a perfect centre at his feet after half an hour.

One Mistake

Noel Dwyer, West Ham keeper, made his one mistake. He never tried to reach the ball, which slammed against the upright and bounded back into play.

Nottingham Forest, Cup Final opponents of Luton,

would have been delighted with the number of times Luton fell into West Ham's offside trap.

But they would have been dismayed by the greatness of goalkeeper Ron Baynham and this Luton defence.