

Baynham muffs two

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TWO-GOAL Andy McEvoy, Blackburn's 20-year-old Irish inside-left, will long remember his first League game. But it is one that Luton—and goalkeeper Ron Baynham in particular—will want to forget.

It's just as well for Baynham that the England selectors named the American tour party **BEFORE** this game. For the tall, leggy Baynham was at fault when Blackburn scored twice inside two minutes just on half-time.

Luton, who had gone ahead with a 10th-minute Alan Brown goal—their first in five matches—protested that Alex MacLeod had run the ball over the by-line before sending over the centre which sailed through Baynham's arms and landed at the feet of the gleeful McEvoy.

And McEvoy, stand-in for the injured Roy Vernon, had only to push the ball over the line.

Scramble goal

Two minutes later, another of Blackburn's promoted reserve forwards, 20-year-old leader George Hudson, challenged Baynham when the keeper had all the time in the world to gather a loose ball.

Hudson got possession in a scramble five yards out, and scored easily.

Luton, eager to avoid trouble, were rarely in it after half-time and McEvoy hit his second at 65 minutes. Hudson headed an Isherwood free-kick into the goalmouth and although MacLeod miskicked, McEvoy beat Morton to the ball and rocketed his shot into the roof of the net as Baynham, Brendan McNally and Ken Hawkes stood rooted on the goal-line.

Luton's attacks were generally haphazard and disjointed. Only Gordon Turner looked dangerous. And the number of times Luton fell for Blackburn's offside trap will be very pleasing for Nottingham Forest—no mean specialists at this art themselves.

Luton's goal—a glorious Brown header from Turner's centre—was about the only time their forwards moved with purpose.

BLACKBURN: Leyland 8; Taylor 7; Eckersley 6; Clayton 10; Woods 8; McGrath 7; Isherwood 6; Dobing 8; Hudson 8; McEvoy 8; MacLeod 6.

LUTON: Baynham 7; McNally 8; Hawkes (K) 6; Morton 6; Kelley 7; Groves 7; Hawkes (B) 6; Brown 6; Turner 7; Cummins 6; Adam 6.

REFEREE: E. B. Coultas (Hull). **LINESMEN:** J. Berry (Altrincham, Cheshire). V. Booth (Northwich, Cheshire).