



● Sheffield Wednesday centre-forward Roy Shiner (left) watches as Ron Baynham, the Luton 'keeper, makes a spectacular dive across his goal to turn a shot from inside-right Redfern Froggatt round a post.

WEDNESDAY SLAM

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Sheffield Wednesday 2, Luton 0 : by ROY JACKSON

A PENALTY goal after only eight minutes might have unsettled Luton in their game with Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough yesterday, but this could not be held to account for their poor, ineffective display.

Wednesday's football was not outstanding but had it not been for an immaculate display by Ron Baynham, the former England goalkeeper, the score against Luton might have been very heavy.

There was hardly a redeeming feature about a side which at times struck one as being rather dispirited, and the general display must have been a disappointment to Syd Owen who played in their defence for so many years before becoming their manager.

It was almost the first attack of the game when Alan Finney, the Wednesday outside left, put the ball past Seamus Dunne and tried to race him on the inside. In the penalty area Dunne made a late tackle which was so badly timed that Finney went down.

Referee Frank Gerrard, of Preston, had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot—and of course Norman Curtis, the Wednesday left back, rarely makes a mistake with these.

The second goal came immediately after half-time and could not possibly have been scored had the Luton defenders been alive to the urgency of the situation.

Only marksman

They were inclined to riddle when John Fantham, who was the only good marksman in the game, slipped through and put over a ball which struck the inside of a post and went into the net.

In the second half Allan Brown, the Luton centre forward, and Billy Bingham, their outside right, exchanged places, but it made little difference, for Ron Springett, who is hoping to get a chance in England's international team, had hardly anything to do.

Had an England selector been present he could not have passed any opinion about the ability of the goalkeeper.

How different it was with Baynham, who in the course of the game made four brilliant saves from Fantham—none better than when he touched a 30-yard shot over the bar in the first-half. Towards the end he just managed to get across to a shot by Froggatt and put the ball round his post for one of about a dozen corners in this period of the game.

One thing which must have pleased Wednesday was the promise shown by John Quinn, making his League debut.