

LUTON ARE TOO SLOW TO ROUSE WOLVES

Luton 1, Wolverhampton 5. 59/60 By BILL MARSH

ONLY by courtesy of a below par performance by Wolves did Luton escape as lightly as they did. Even so, Luton suffered their heaviest defeat of the season—ironically before their biggest gate—and manager Syd Owen's bold experiment in attack ended disastrously.

Luton's one goal, the last of the match, came from young Mike Dixon, who gained some little consolation for an unhappy second League game.

He was no more to blame than anyone for the set-backs. Like most of the Luton team, he never lost his enthusiasm but too often he was left alone in the middle without support—a lamb for the slaughter by the Wolves halves.

That was part of Luton's trouble: lack of support for each other which resulted in several promising moves breaking down. They were too slow to the ball and against Wolves that was fatal.

The wonder was that half an hour passed before Wolves beat Ron Baynham and it was practically half-time before Jim Murray added to Norman Deeley's opening goal.

Murray's goal was a gift. While the defence stood still waiting for the ball to trickle over the goal line, Deeley nipped in to bang it against a post for Murray to net the rebound.

This was just another example Luton's weakness. They were invariably last to the ball and lacked Wolves' zip.

Towards the end, Dixon switched to the right wing and he laid himself out with a scoring header after a George Cummins shot had hit the bar.

By then Wolves had eased up following goals from Peter Broadbent, Deeley and Colin Booth.

Still that was the right spirit which Syd Owen has to harness. But that looks a tall order until he can find a general of his own class.

Wolves had it so easy comment on their game could not be constructive. But if Luton looked nothing like last season's Cup Finalists Wolves looked anything but champions.

LUTON.—Baynham 7; Dunne 7, Hawkes (K) 6; Morton 7, Kelly 7, ★GROVES 8; Hawkes (B) 6, Pacey 7, Dixon 5, Cummins 7, Gregory 5.

WOLVES.—Finlayson 7; Jones 7, Harris 6; Slater 8, Showell 7, Flowers 7; ★DEELEY 9, Booth 7, Murray 8, Broadbent 8, Horne 7.

Referee: F. Collinge (Altrincham) 7.



● NORMAN DEELEY
began Wolves' five-goal storm.