



Luton 'keeper Ron Baynham falls to his knees as he scrambles away a close-range effort from West Ham (second from left). Guarding the goal is right back Seamus Dunne.

Injured Baynham is Luton hero

West Ham 3, Luton 1: by DENIS COMPTON

THE toast at West Ham this week-end will undoubtedly be young Derek Woodley. This 17-year-old boy, playing in his first League match, helped West Ham to victory with two fine opportunist goals just after the interval.

Indeed throughout he showed considerable natural ability and a bright future should be ahead for him.

He had a wonderful prompter in Phil Woosnam. The magical flicks to his colleague frequently split this rather inconsistent Luton defence.

Only erratic finishing saved Luton from a heavier defeat. Luton lost Baynham for 15 minutes—he collided with Woodley in the first minute and was carried off on a stretcher.

Fortunately he returned later with his knee strapped to keep a superb goal for Luton. The first half did not produce a goal but it did bring some good football. Bingham, Luton's outside right, had a good first half but I am afraid he is going to have to forage a great deal for himself such is the mediocrity of the other forwards.

John Bond missed a penalty, his first miss I believe.

Almost immediately after the resumption Woosnam slipped one of his many superb through-passes to young Woodley who took the ball right up to Baynham before almost contemptuously flicking it past him to give West Ham the lead.

Then minutes later the boy received from Keeble and like a flash he was past Luton centre half Kelly to crash the ball at Baynham and ram home the rebound.

A defensive mistake allowed Keeble to make it three. Kelly failed to control a loose ball and Keeble seized on it and crashed a great left-foot shot past Baynham.

Just on time Turner scored Luton's only goal and incidentally his first of the season.

This West Ham side may appear to be casual but they are going to delight many this season with their ball play.