

Leaderless Luton look doomed ^{59/60}

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LUTON are doomed to relegation unless they get a leader who can cajole, brow-beat, and guide his men through the awful patch they have landed themselves in since Syd Owen moved from dressing-room to manager's office.

They lack bite in the forward line and confidence in defence. And there is a bad weakness at wing-half.

Albion had a similar problem before this game but all they required was to find the net to gain the reward for the approach work of previous games.

Ronnie Allen gave them that fillip when he put them in front with a stabbed shot from a cross by Alec Jackson in the 16th minute. Seventeen minutes later he scored the best goal seen at this ground for many a long day.

A free-kick by Williams went to Kevan, on to Whitehouse, and finally to Allen, who let fly from 25 yards. Ron Baynham could only stand and stare.

In between this goal and the next two, Albion hit the form of previous seasons and they were always looking for goals. They would have come too, but for one or two sliced shots and magnificent goalkeeping from Baynham.

Howe and Jackson hit the wood-

work, while new captain Setters, Whitehouse, and Aitken brought out the best from the Luton 'keeper.

Whitehouse scored Albion's third goal in the 76th minute with a simple move which started with goalkeeper Wallace. From Jackson's quick prod his partner flashed forward to score.

Kevan scored the fourth in the 81st minute, but the mention of the Albion inside left brings forth the comment that he should be rested or dropped.

He was the one weak link in the Albion line-up and his fault lies in that he goes to a colleague in possession instead of moving forward as he used to do.

So far as the Luton forward line is concerned, it appears that Billy Bingham is the only player who should retain his position, if only for some serious attempts at trying to score.