

It all falls on Hewkins

Luton 4, Fulham 1.

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MUD-SPATTERED Jimmy Hill, fairly tackled by Luton right-back Seamus Dunne in the 15th minute, yelled in agony as he went down, and winced as he was taken off with torn ligaments in his right knee.

That shattered Fulham's hopes—and Hill's chance of playing in Saturday's Cup-tie at Leicester.

Luton, behind to an early goal by Hill, plied ever-mounting pressure on South African Ken Hewkins, deputising for Tony Macedo as Fulham goalkeeper.

All praise to Hewkins. With, it seemed, all Luton, except their 'keeper having a pot at him, there could so easily have been many more goals.

Hewkins, with a stomach upset all week, had been sick in the train from London. But Fulham had to play him.

But I thought that even with 10 men Fulham could have made Luton go harder—if the remaining forwards had put more into the game.

Throughout the second-half, in which Luton goallie Ron Baynham for once had nothing to do, only outside-right Graham Leggat worried the Luton defence.

There was little Leggat could do effectively on his own, even when he moved away from Luton's, highly promising left-back Alan Daniel.

Centre-forward John Doherty, brought back after a toe operation, was shut out by centre-half Terry Kelly. Groves could afford to leave Johnny Haynes to his own devices.

So Fulham's heroes were all in the rearguard. There was a magnificent performance by left-back Jimmy Langley, who minimised the threat from Bingham and twice cleared with superb flying headers.

Right-back George Cohen was sound in his somewhat easier task of opposing Tony Gregory.

The Fulham half-back line, too, soldiered on. In the centre, Roy Bentley gamely chased Luton's best forward, Allan Brown, who led his line with skill and imagination.

LUTON.—Baynham 7; Dunne 7, Daniel 7; Groves 8, Kelly 7, Pacey 8; Bingham 1, Turner 7. ★**BROWN** 9, Morton 7, Gregory 6.

FULHAM. — Hewkins 8; Cohen 7, ★**LANGLEY** 9; Mullery 8, Bentley 8, Lowe 8; Leggat 8, Hill 7, Doherty 6, Haynes 6, Chamberlain 6.

Referee: K. Dagnall (Bolton) 9.