



● Saved by the stand-in . . . versatile Luton full-back Seamus Dunne leaps to catch a Sheffield United shot at goal after taking over from injured Ron Baynham

# EARLY INJURY TO BAYNHAM WRECKS LUTON HOPES

Luton 1 Sheffield Untd. 4: by ROY HOROBIN

LUTON suffered a tragic blow after exactly half-an-hour's play. John Nibloe, the Sheffield inside right, rushing up to convert a low centre from Russell, collided full-tilt with Ron Baynham with tremendous force and the home goalkeeper was carried off on a stretcher with a badly cut head.

Baynham was taken to hospital by the club doctor and was being detained there for suspected fracture and concussion. Seamus Dunne went into goal and the Irishman was in no way to blame for this Luton defeat. He made some wonderful saves and Baynham himself would probably not have saved the shots that beat him.

Luton put up a fight only in the last quarter of an hour against overwhelming odds, and manager Sam Bartram has a tough task in hand in his search for new players to prop up this poor side.

Actually, Luton went off at a sizzling pace and almost threatened to sweep the polished League leaders off their feet.

First, a glorious Morton-Brown movement ended in Turner only missing by inches with a tremendous shot, and then goalkeeper Allan Hodgkinson was forced to rush out and luckily deflect the ball off McBride's toe when a goal seemed certain.

Gradually, however, Sheffield settled down and a spectacular overhead kick from Summers skimmed the bar before Baynham went down full-length to save from Simpson at the second attempt.

After 27 minutes United deservedly went ahead with a goal from Derek Pace. Summers pinpointed a perfect pass just over the

lanky Groves and Pace's head did the rest.

A few minutes later came Baynham's accident, but Dunne made some fine saves before Ron Simpson smashed the ball past him from only a few yards' range three minutes before the interval.

With Baynham in hospital, Luton were faced with a hopeless task, and after 53 minutes another well-judged pass from Summers presented outside-right Billy Russell with the easy task of nodding the ball into the net.

Almost unbelievably, Luton hit back, and have only themselves to blame for not pulling the game out of the fire. Both Pacy and Tracey missed open goals before Gordon Turner at last scored with a fast ground shot six minutes from the end.

A minute later away went Sheffield again and Pace finished the scoring with a tremendous cross shot.