

FIERY LUTON FORCE IPSWICH TO THIRD MATCH

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LUTON'S performance under the Kenilworth Road floodlights recalled many of the qualities which took them to Wembley in 1959. Though there was not much finesse about their football, they had most of the play and were mighty unlucky not to win.

A goal in the first half by Elsworthy for Ipswich, and an equaliser by his rival left-half, Pacey, after 76 minutes, forced two tiring sides into extra time.

Again Luton had the best of it, but two full-length saves by Bailey and a miss by Ashworth in the last minute prevented them from collecting their deserts. On Monday the teams meet a third time at Highbury, to decide who plays at Norwich.

Of its kind this was a tremendous game, and considering the conditions a relatively clean one. For the side facing the wind the going was cruel for throughout the two hours stinging drizzle whipped across the pitch.

Perhaps the enthusiasm of a tightly-packed crowd, roaring Luton on as they did on the same ground three years ago, helped the players forget their physical discomfort.

Bustled Out of Stride

Tactically, as well as territorially, it was Luton's night, for they bustled Ipswich out of their normal measured style and were their masters at the resultant kick and rush.

Both goals came with the wind. In the 16th minute a corner by Stephenson from Ipswich's right wing bounced out and Elsworthy, closing in on the edge of the penalty area, drove it like a shell through Baynham's hands.

This was Ipswich's best period. The Luton defence performed heroically to turn only one down.

In the second half the Ipswich defence was not nearly so impressive, and were soon kicking the ball wildly wherever fortune decreed it should go. But with 14 minutes of normal time left, Pacey took a pass from McKechnie outside Carberry and beat Bailey from seven yards with a shot of comparable velocity to Elsworthy's.

Luton. — Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Chandler, McKechnie, Legate.

Ipswich. — Bailey; Carberry, Compton; Baxter, Nelson, Elsworthy; Stephenson, Moran, Crawford, Phillips, Owen.