

LUTON BLOWN OUT

Bartram says: Morton kicked wrong way

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LUTON captain Bob Morton gambled in a gale at Highbury last night—and lost. He is not likely to forget his decision, which Ipswich proved utterly wrong in the first 16 minutes of this third-round second replay. Morton, after three failures to spin the coin in the roaring wind, won the toss, and decided to kick against the gale, blowing head-on down the Arsenal pitch.

Within 90 seconds Ipswich had scored. It was 3—0 after 16 minutes, and Ipswich were on the way to the fourth-round tie at Norwich—a game all East Anglia will want to watch.

Morton's decision was even more difficult to understand because Ipswich were playing with reserve Wilf Hall in goal. Hall, a late deputy for Bailey, was in the third team on Saturday to test his fitness after a throat infection.

Luton manager Mr. Sam Bartram told me after the game: "I discussed with Bob Morton what action he should take if he won the toss. I was all for taking the chance to shoot as often and quickly as possible against the new goalkeeper.

Wise

"But Morton said that as Luton had won against Huddersfield last Saturday, after kicking against the wind in the first half, he felt the players would prefer to kick against the wind. But the wind at Huddersfield was not as strong as it was tonight.

"You can always be wise after the event, but I still think, that, as an old goalkeeper, I would have kicked with the wind against the new boy."

Luton rallied desperately in the second half, and in the 57th minute Ashworth raised their hopes with a headed goal. But two brilliant saves by the imperturbable Hall ended Luton's revival, and two late goals by Stephenson reflected the First Division team's superiority.

Ipswich played good football, particularly in the first half when they used the wind wisely. When Ted Phillips, probably the hardest striker in the game, has the wind on his side, pity the goalkeeper he is facing!

After 90 seconds Phillips threw in from the left, Crawford headed the ball on, Stephenson missed his shot, but Moran was there to beat Baynham.

Penalty

In the seventh minute Crawford dispossessed Bramwell and passed to Stephenson. From Stephenson it moved to Leadbetter and Phillips, who beat the scrambling Baynham easily.

Nine minutes later McNally fouled Leadbetter and Phillips scored from the penalty spot with one of the hardest shot I have seen.

Seven minutes from the end Stephenson scored a neat goal, and with only seconds to go climaxed a fine performance by hammering a Leadbetter corner past Baynham.

Ipswich: Hall: Carberry, Compton; Baxter, Nelson, Elsworthy; Stephenson, Moran, Crawford, Phillips, Leadbetter.

Luton: Baynham: McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Kelly, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Chandler, McKechnie, Legate.



Baynham snatches the ball from Crawford's feet, with Pacey coming in from the right.—B8633X.