

LUTON FORGET ONE OF THE GOLDEN RULES

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LUTON, two goals down after an hour and surprisingly level three minutes later, tossed the match back to Rotherham in the silliest way of all. They forgot to play to the whistle.

Their entire defence believed McIlmoyle offside when Weston chipped the ball to him just inside the penalty area, but it was goalkeeper Baynham who committed the unpardonable sin.

Instead of going for McIlmoyle's header which was within easy reach,

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he stood pointing at the Rotherham leader while the ball trickled just inside the post.

This was the fourth goal in 10 minutes, two having come in 60sec from Lornie, Luton's strapping inside-left. His first was a deflected drive that stranded Ironside at the wrong post, the next a right-foot cross-shot

POOR CROWD

Only 8,000 attendance

To a depressingly poor crowd of only 8,000 for this first home game of the season, such a Luton come-back had looked all against the odds when Kirkman put Rotherham two ahead.

The opening goal stemmed from a pass received just over the half-way line and ended with a trail of Luton defenders beaten in a 40-yard dash and the ball firmly in the net. Rotherham, playing with much more snap in defence and method in attack, went further ahead when Kirkman headed in from close range after Butler had sent McIlmoyle's centre goalwards.

Lornie's sudden burst of scoring changed the sighs of the terraces and Pacey hit the Rotherham crossbar. But the cheers did not last long; neither may Luton as a Second Division club unless they can inject some personality and plan into their game.

Luton.—Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Clarke, Kelly, Pacey; Walden, Turner, Goldie, Lornie, Fleming.

Rotherham.—Ironside; Jackson, Morgan; Lambert, Madden, Lancaster; Weston, Kirkman, McIlmoyle, Houghton, Butler.