

Ron Davies punch can save Luton

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Luton 2 Bury 1



THE pitch is permanent mud, the centre of the burned out stand is flapping canvas sheets and scaffolding, the lights appear to have been intended for a night club . . . and 9,000 would be the best gate of the season. This is Luton, slumpiest Soccer town in the South.

Four years, four managers and one unrelieved scene of failure—from Wembley to the brink of the Third Division.

And yet amid this wreckage is a golden gleam of hope in the £10,000 person of Ron Davies, lately of Fourth Division Chester.

"A very useful centre forward, extremely quick and busy," said Bury player - manager Bob Stokoe who, at centre half, spent 90 exhausting minutes trying to shut out Davies.

His record

But Davies scored again . . . a gliding header to make his splendid record seven goals in eight Second Division games.

If manager Bill Harvey returns from his week-end scouting trip with another equally shrewd signing, Luton could escape relegation.

They played the only possible game for a team with a heavy pitch and no schemer . . . direct, open football, full of dash down the wings.

Bury's backs, regulars in the Football League's second tightest defence, were made to look slow on the turn.

Goals — Luton : Davies (15 mins.), Gordon Turner (34).
Bury : Bill Calder (77).

Luton.—Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Turner, Davies, McGuffie, Jardine.

Bury.—Harker; Robertson, Eastham; Turner, Stokoe, Atherton; Bradley, Mayers, Calder, Beaumont, Bartley.