

BAYNHAM IS HERO FOR LUTON

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Oldham 0 Luton 2

LUTON goalkeeper Ron Baynham showed his old England class and held up Oldham who are desperately looking for their second win.

Baynham gracefully snuffed out any danger in the air and efficiently dealt with any ground-level attempts.

He pulled off a fantastic save midway through the first half from Oldham's leader Jimmy Harris, and sent Oldham crashing to their fourth defeat in five games.

Oldham—who have now been hit for 17 goals this season—were forced to spend most of their time looking for an equaliser after a seventh-minute setback when Luton went in front.

With wing-halves Jimmy Frizzell and Peter McCall having little time off from defensive duties, Oldham's forwards spent too much time in midfield waiting for passes that just didn't come.

Fierce drive

Oldham came more into the game later in the first half but Baynham stopped a "certain" goal. Oldham centre forward Harris found the ball at his feet only yards out and crashed in a fierce drive—but Baynham went down, rolled over, and came up somehow clutching the ball.

Luton opened the scoring through inside left John Reid after seven minutes of non-stop attack.

The Oldham defence were slow to cover and Reid hit the ball from 20 yards sending goalkeeper Johnny Bolland the wrong way.

In the second half Baynham again stood between Oldham and their attempts to get the equalising goal.

He pushed a header from Bowie over the bar—and then took a fierce drive from Colquhoun as Oldham fought to get a grip on the game.

The end came for Oldham in the 78th minute . . . and it was goalkeeper Bolland who was to blame. He failed to cover a cross from right-winger David Pleat and pawed the ball to Reid's foot.

Reid had hardly to make an effort to calmly slide the ball in the net.