



● Up goes Luton goalkeeper Ron Baynham to halt a Reading attack at Elm Park

LUTON GIVE BILL HARVEY A VICTORY FAREWELL

Reading 1 Luton 2: by PETER BROOKE

LUTON landed the shock result of the day as an appropriate farewell present to their resigning manager Bill Harvey on his last appearance with the side after three years.

The win was Luton's first since September 5 and Reading's first home defeat since last March!

And it came by a fighting comeback after spending most of the game penned in their own half with two shock goals in the final 10 minutes.

But even one of their most loyal supporters must admit that Reading should have had the points safely tucked away long before Luton's final burst.

Slick approach work constantly ripped open the Luton defence, but more than a dozen good chances went begging because of weak shooting and slow thinking. When the home forwards were on target they found former England goalie Ron Baynham in safe, confident form.

But the game was scarcely an advert for the "Clean Up Soccer" campaign. It was littered with petty fouls, and referee Mr. George Powell, of Newport, had difficulty in maintaining control. He dealt out stern warnings to no fewer than 10 players.

Reading started as though they were going to notch a cricket score. Baynham took the ball off Webb's toe in the opening seconds and then recovered to fist clear from

leader Pat Terry, Reading's most dangerous forward.

Twice the ball was rammed into the Luton net after 20 minutes by Terry and Shreeves—but both were disallowed for offside. Terry had a fine header stopped on the goal-line by McBain and it was not until the 44th minute that Reading finally found the net.

Little inside-left Dougie Webb ran on to a Terry pass and his 20-yard shot just touched Graham Caleb's foot before looping over Baynham's head.

Reading lost their edge in the second half, but it appeared they would hold their slender lead. Then in the 81st minute up popped little 19-year-old inside-forward Billy Harber in the penalty area.

He took a pass from Mark Lownds and clipped a low shot past Arthur Wilkie for his first League goal.

Then three minutes later Reading's defence stood still as David Pleat scuttled down the right wing and crossed to the far post for Gordon Reddick to head the winner.