

LUTON LET IN 5 AND LOSE RON BAYNHAM

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Exeter 5 Luton 1

EXETER ran up their highest score of the season in front of their smallest crowd, but Luton finished the match with goalkeeper Ron Baynham watching from the trainers' hut.

Baynham was one of Luton's two star men (inside right Gordon Riddick was the other). Baynham saved Luton from Exeter's goal-hungry forwards countless times.

With 20 minutes to go and the score 4—1, Baynham made out to try to stop Exeter's right-winger, Eric Welsh. As it turned out he need not have bothered, for the whistle went for offside.

As he dived at Welsh's feet Baynham injured his left knee, and he had to hobble off for good while inside left Tom McKechnie took over in goal.

No one was more dangerous than Welsh. The young Irish winger fought for the whole game.

He made the cross which Dermot Curtis headed in to give Exeter a ninth-minute lead.

Turning point

He made the pass that led to Adrian Thorne crossing the ball from the other wing for Banks to head No 2, after 16 minutes; and he made the pass which would have brought a goal if Luton had not given away a penalty.

It was this penalty, taken in the 65th minute by centre half Keith Harvey, which really turned the game. For Luton had hit back with a McKechnie goal before half-time, and they seemed to be taking control at the start of the second half.

But then came the penalty and Luton's collapse. After that it was only a question of how many Exeter could get.

Neither of the last two goals came from well-worked moves. Thorne got one as a strong wind swung his corner kick past Baynham. Skipper and right half Arnold Mitchell got the 5th five minutes from time, after Luton had made goal-line clearances from Banks and Thorne.