

Baynham injured as Luton crash

Exeter 5 Luton 1: by DAVID HARDING

EXETER ran up their highest score of the season before their smallest crowd—4,686—while Luton finished the match with goalkeeper Ron Baynham wrapped in a plastic macintosh watching the game from the trainer's hut.

Baynham was one of Luton's two star men — inside-right Gordon Riddick was the other. Baynham had saved Luton from Exeter's goal-hungry forwards countless times, and he even got his hands to a penalty but just failed to stop it.

With 20 minutes to go and the score 4—1 to Exeter, Baynham came out to try to stop Exeter's right-winger Eric Welsh. He need not have bothered, for the whistle had gone for offside, but as he dived at Welsh's feet he injured his left knee, and had to hobble off for the rest of the game while inside-left Tom McKechnie took over in goal.

But nearly every time Exeter attacked they looked like scoring, and no one was more dangerous than Welsh. The young Irish winger fought throughout the game, and three of the goals came through his efforts. He made the cross which Dermot Curtis headed in to give Exeter a ninth-minute lead.

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 in Exeter's favour.

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 really only a question of how many Exeter would get.

Thorne got their fourth as a strong wind swung his corner straight past Baynham; then skipper and right half Arnold Mitchell got the fifth five minutes from time after Luton had made goal-line clearance from Banks and Thorne.