

Boy Busby sets up Luton win

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LUTON TOWN seem determined to toss their own landmines across the path that lies between them and the First Division.

LUTON ended BIRMINGHAM'S run of 14 games without defeat with a 3-2 home victory, but not before they had faced the anxiety of trailing by two goals.

A relieved manager Alec Stock said after the game: "We don't do anything the easy way. We are getting used to the games where the pendulum swings around a bit.

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"Usually we are in front then dropping a point. It makes a change to fight back for victory," he added.

City manager Freddie Goodwin was obviously disappointed that City's run should come to an uncomfortable end. It virtually ended their slim chance of making a late charge for promotion.

He said: "I have to hand it to Luton. They fought back magnificently after being two down and it was a courageous win."

Goodwin pointed out City had been playing so well a bad game was bound to crop up.

"It's a great blow to the

younger players like Trevor Francis who have become so used to winning. But it is part of their growing up," said Goodwin. "I have said all along that promotion was a remote chance for us and now it will need an almost impossible effort to achieve it," he concluded.

Francis, the 16-year-old whom 25,172 fans — Luton's biggest League gate this season — had come to see had an ordinary game.

It was largely because Luton dictated the midfield, and the balls coming through for Francis and Bob Latchford were limited.

The glory went to 21-year-old Viv Busby, who scored twice to give him five goals in four matches. Alan Slough scored Luton's winner.

Jimmy Andrews, Luton coach, says of Busby: "This boy can become a great player. He's got a knack for goal scoring, and now he's built up confidence he is a key man in the promotion chase."