

Luton spring the trap on Tank

THEY CALL Ron Atkinson The Tank at Oxford. He wears the No. 11 shirt but always battles away in midfield.

Against Luton, The Tank, his shirt covered in blood from a first-half knock in the face, covered every inch of the Manor Ground in his second-half efforts to force a win for Oxford.

But there was no luck going his way, and Luton's offside tactics, plus some stubborn defending, earned them a point.

Oxford were unlucky to lose Nigel Cassidy at half-time through injury.

Star

Luton had their moments, but generally showed a lack of thrust in attack. However, they may have discovered a future star in 20-year-old Robin Wainwright.

Luton had taken the lead in the eighth minute. From a corner by Busby, Wainwright flicked the ball on for Givens to drive in from close range. Oxford were level three minutes later, Derek Clarke nipping in to score after John Ryan had miskicked.

Referee Jack Taylor, of Wolverhampton, receives

By ROY BENTLEY
Oxford 1, Luton 1

no star rating from Luton.

If he had used the advantage rule when Givens was heavily brought down by Roberts, Wainwright could well have cracked in a winner for Luton.

Watching managers included Bobby Robson (Ipswich), Alan Ball (Preston), and Jimmy Scouler (Cardiff)



RON ATKINSON . . .
battled all the way