



● BOBBY MOORE, sick and worried, is carried off with an ankle injury.

What a tale for Moore

West Ham 2, Luton 1 By JACK WELLING

LUTON died bravely after turning certain massacre into a marvellous match and nearly pitching West Ham back into their old role of laughing stock.

Bobby Moore will never believe it when they tell him the tale tomorrow. He went off on a stretcher to have a right ankle injury X-rayed—he took a knock on the nerve—and left a side that was already strolling it after only 10 minutes.

West Ham had by then won three corners, two free kicks, one goal, seen Hurst knock another chance over the top from close in and raised the first chant of "Easy, easy."

It was never more premature.

Moore must now wonder if he can trust his mates to do anything right without him, because Luton manager Alec Stock was correct when he said: "We could well have had a draw."

Hurst launched a superb personal show by heading the first goal.

Then he set up the second with an equally effective header from Redknapp's cross.

Read could only claw the ball out and Best smacked it in.

Grip

But then it very nearly all went wrong.

Luton got a grip and in their first real attack of the second-half Givens headed a superb goal.

And Luton nearly saved it with a shot from Hindson, that came back off the angle.

Redknapp can argue he cancelled that out with a shot that smashed back off a post. But there were many factors in this match that cancelled themselves out.

Take the penalty Hurst urgently needed a goal to missed when West Ham kill off Luton midway.

Read, and indeed every goalkeeper in the country must now know exactly where to go for a Hurst penalty. So he dummied to his left and then flung himself right to save.

WEST HAM: Ferguson 6 — McDowell 6, Taylor 6, Moore (injured), Lampard 8—Bond 6, Robson 6, Brookling 7—Redknapp 7, *HURST 9, Best 8. Sub.: Eustace 6.

LUTON: Read 6—Ryan 6, *NICHOLL 8, Moore 6, Slough 6 —Givens 6, Keen 7, Court 7—Anderson 6, Halom 7, Hindson 6. Ref.: K. Burns (Stowbridge) 8.



● GEOFF HURST'S header (right) is a goal for West Ham