

# Luton bundled out in ugly replay

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**T**REVOR FRANCIS, who has yet to live up to his reputation in the grown-up world of the First Division, scored the late winner in last night's League Cup second replay—a result which made a mockery of the play.

Birmingham will now be at home to Coventry—but most of the football, and the chances, came from Luton. Birmingham, battling to stay afloat, had three men booked in an ugly game.

In the first hour, Luton could easily have been two or three ahead, but the ball did not run for them. Birmingham scored from one of only half a dozen co-ordinated attacks.

In the first half Burns was booked for a repeat of the foul on Anderson for which he had his name taken in the first replay at Luton.

After the interval, Hope was cautioned for dissent, and then Hynd was booked for one of the worst fouls I have seen this season. He launched himself at Anderson from at least 10 yards, but fortunately the Luton player was not badly injured.

Aston, Anderson, Fern and Busby provided most of the best moments of the match. Aston set the tone in the first minute with a cross-shot, which was just wide, and John and Jim Ryan, Fern and Aston all could have scored.

Early in the second half, Luton's best chance spun away when Dave, Latchford rushed off his line to foil Busby. Then with 13 minutes to go, Hatton and Bob Latchford paved the way for Francis to clinch the winner.

**Birmingham.**—Latchford, D.; Carroll, Pendrey, Campbell, Hynd, Page, Burns, Francis, Latchford, R., Hope, Hatton.

**Luton.**—Barber, John Ryan, Thompson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jimmy Ryan, Fearn, Busby, Halom, Aston.