

Harry outwits Villa

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Aston Villa 0, Luton 2 By KARL KERSHAW

LUTON boss Harry Haslam plotted the match days ago—and sat there purring as it all worked out.

Haslam, proud manager of a side with the best away record in the League said: "I'd been drumming it into my lads all week how they could beat Villa.

"I knew they would concentrate on pumping high balls over for their big fella, Andy Lochhead. That's what we prepared for—and that's just what they did.

"As we had to do after taking care of Lochhead was keep a sharp watch for chances to make quick breaks—and that's just what we did."

So Villa fell into Haslam's trap—but it was never

quite as cut and dried as the Luton boss made it out to be.

Fern and Aston scored a goal in each half—both from breakaways.

A Bloch drive squirmed under Barber's body and the 'keeper only just grabbed the ball off the line, then a snap shot by Evans hit Barber's legs and went inches wide.

And in a storming second-half spell Lochhead, Nicholl and Bloch were all close again.

Thomson was booked for a first-half foul on Anderson, who did not return after half-time.

ASTON VILLA: Gumbes 5—Ross 5, Nicholl 5, *TURNBULL 7, Aitken 6—Graydon 5, Bloch 5, Vowden 6—Lochhead 5, Evans 6, Anderson (injured) 5. Sub.: McMahon 6.

LUTON: Barber 6—Ryan(J) 7, Faulkner 6, Garner 6, Thomson 6—Slough 6, Anderson 7, *HALOM 9—Ryan (Jimmy) 5, Fern 3, Aston 6.

Ref.: D. Smith (Stonehouse) 8.