

GUTHRIE'S

£66 GOAL

CRUSHES

LUTON

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Sunderland 2 Luton 0

RON GUTHRIE scored the goal of his life to put Luton out of the F.A. Cup—but missed the chance of a £66 "bonus."

For the Sunderland left-back refused to risk £1 before the game when manager Bob Stokoe offered odds of 66—1 against him getting a goal.

Guthrie hit his goal seven minutes from the end for a victory which takes Sunderland through to the semi-finals for the first time in 17 years.

But even the thought of the cash he might have made could not dim Guthrie's smile as he commented: "We needed another goal to clinch it after Dave Watson had got the first."

Watson did take advantage of "Honest Bob's" odds. The manager, who uses the gimmick to ease pre-match tension and pays up from his own pocket, offered Watson 20—1 for a £1 stake—with another £10 to be won if Luton did not score.

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Watson readily accepted, scored the first goal with a power header from a Bobby Kerr corner, and then slipped back into defence to make sure his £10 was safe at the other end.

That Watson header, in the 56th minute, blew apart all Luton's ice-cool containing tactics.

Luton's neat, well-drilled defence had spent most of the first half checking Sunderland's clumsy efforts to crush them by sheer effort.

Stokoe summed up the mood of Wearside last night when he said: "I couldn't care less who we draw in the semi-final. The mood we are in we stand a chance against any team."

SUNDERLAND.—Montgomery; Malone, Guthrie, Horswill, Watson, Pitt, Kerr, Hughes, Halom, Porterfield, Tueart.

LUTON.—Barber; John Ryan, Thomson, Shanks, Garner, Moore, Jim Ryan, Anderson, Busby, Hindson, Aston. Sub: Hales.