

FIRST HOME DEFEAT FOR LUTON

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DON HOWE, manager of West Bromwich Albion, was reluctant to let his side play on the frozen Kenilworth Road pitch, but after this victory over Luton he was glad the referee ignored his pleas.

It was Luton's first home defeat of the season and they played neat, attacking football in the first half, with West, Aston and £70,000 signing Husband showing skill and balance on the icy surface.

But substitute Shaw, in whom Luton showed an interest last season, put Albion ahead after goalkeeper Horn had failed to hold a Glover shot in the 66th minute.

With six minutes left, Hartford was awarded a goal by a linesman after his shot had beaten Horn and bounced down behind the line before the unfortunate goalkeeper could clutch it.

Earlier, Hartford had been lucky to escape a booking when he swung a fist to shake off a Shanks tackle and hit the referee on the head.

Luton.—Horn; Shanks, Thomson, John Ryan, Faulkner, Garner, Jimmy Ryan, Husband, Fern, West, Aston.

West Bromwich. — Latchford; Nisbet, Wilson, Cantello, Wile, Robertson, Johnston, Brown, Mayo (sub: Shaw 45 min.), Hartford, Glover.