

Leicester in fiesta mood

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Luton ... 0 Leicester ... 4

LEICESTER surprised even their manager, Jimmy Bloomfield, with the magnificent way in which they measured, matched, mesmerised and finally massacred Luton in Saturday's entertaining fifth-round F A Cup-tie at Kenilworth Road.

"Our approach-work is usually far better than our finishing," he said. "But, this time, our efforts in front of goal were much better than our build-up. If we always rounded off our moves like that, we'd be where Leeds are now."

Leicester, safely through to the quarter-finals, are one up on Leeds. But it was not until the second half that they brushed aside what proved in the end to be a rather limited Luton challenge.

"I told Keith Weller, our captain, to kick up the slope if he won the toss," continued Mr Bloomfield. "I thought that, if we could hold them in the first half, we could really pin them down in the mud in the second."

First-half bonus

And that is exactly how it worked out—except that Leicester had the added bonus of a 1-0 half-time lead. The goal came in the 18th minute when Birchenall smoothed a pass out to Rofe, who galloped down the left touch-line and crossed for Earle to squeeze the ball past an astonished Horn.

With Anderson and Fern wasting opportunities, Luton rather missed the boat in the first half and, with Leicester's touch-players yards faster and streets more skilful, it was not long before they were adding to their tally soon after the change-round.

Glover crossed for Earle to add his second goal in the 50th minute, and Weller centred for Worthington to head the third 10 minutes later.

Weller completed the scoring five minutes from time with the best of four superb goals. He beat five men and crashed in a great left-footed drive

Luton.—Horn; Ryan (John), Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Ryan (Jimmy), Husband, Fern (Aston, 80min), West, Butlin.

Leicester.—Shilton; Whitworth, Rofe, Earle, Munro, Cross, Weller, Sammels, Worthington, Birchenall, Glover.