

HASLAM'S GOOD

JUDGMENT ^{74/75}

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Luton 3, Carlisle 1

Harry Haslam, the Luton manager, backed his judgment and sold his star striker Barry Butlin to Nottingham Forest and then saw his "gamble" come off with Luton's first win of the season.

The deal meant a change in tactics. Long high lobbs to exploit Butlin's strength in the air were replaced by more passes on the ground. Anderson was moved up front. Husband and Alston completed the front three and gave Carlisle little respite in the second half.

Anderson scored the first goal (12 minutes); Alston, after beating three men in the penalty area, the second (54) and Husband's shot led to the penalty after 76 minutes which Jim Ryan drove home.

Yet Carlisle went in at mid-point of a lively game on a slippery Kenilworth Road turf, level. Laidlaw, always a danger to a somewhat wobbly Luton defence, hooked in after 36 minutes when McIlmoyle headed down a centre from Balderstone.

Luton.—Barber; Shanks, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Ryan, (John), Hindson, Ryan (Jim), Husband, West, Alston.

Carlisle.—Ross; Carr, Gorman, O'Neill, Green, Parker, Martin, Train, McIlmoyle, Balderstone, Laidlaw.