

LUTON FIND FLAWS IN YOUNG CHELSEA

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LUTON pitilessly exposed the inexperience that inevitably goes with Chelsea's youthful exuberance. Yet despite all, Harry Haslam, Luton's manager, still reckons them a potentially winning combination.

He had paid them the compliment of having them watched several times. "They're a real unknown quantity," he said.

He is sure they will find answers to the questions Luton put so damagingly—for Anderson, West and King gave such a chasing to the experienced pair at the centre of Chelsea's defence, Droy and Dempsey, that young Graham Wilkins and Sparrow were beleaguered on the flanks, and made a string of errors.

Luton fed eagerly on these, and with Ray Wilkins too busy picking up the pieces to exert the same unhurried, calming, almost disdainful influence Luton enjoyed from Paul Futcher, the outcome was in evitable.

Subtle aggression

Luton's goals (Anderson, 27min, Buckley (pen.) 47, and Ron Futcher, 57) were a not excessive reward for their surging, yet often subtle, aggression, so the match was over, as a contest, inside an hour.

But all passions were not spent, certainly among the Chelsea hordes behind Barber's goal. Before they boiled over to halt the match for five minutes, West had gone off with a damaged shoulder, and Graham Wilkins was carried off with a right leg injury that

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has been in plaster over the weekend, and will be further treated today.

Britton joined Cooke, Droy and Buckley on the bookings list for a foul on Aston, whose retaliation got him sent off. "I deserved it," he said afterwards, but I am not sure that Chelsea deserve those fans who, unlike their idols on the field, can't stand being beaten.

Luton.—Barber; Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Futcher, P., King, Alston, Futcher, R., West (Sub.: Chambers 67 min.), Aston.

Chelsea.—Sherwood; Wilkins, G. (Sub.: Harris, 63 min.), Sparrow, Bason, Droy, Dempsey, Britton, Wilkins, R., Maybank, Swain, Cooke.