

Deans is sent off as Luton crash

Bolton 2 Luton 1

BOLTON moved into second place in the Second Division last night on the wave of bad temper that had Luton's Dixie Dean sent off. For one unaccountable minute the Scottish striker lost his head—and lost his hard-working side the point they deserved.

Indeed, Luton were holding their own when Deans was hauled out of a defensive wall and booked by referee Bert Newsome for conducting a private jousting contest with Sam Allardyce.

The wall was still in a state of confusion when Roy Greaves hammered his free-kick through it for the 75th-minute winner.

Within a minute Deans, seeking retribution, chopped Greaves on the edge of the Bolton penalty area, and off he went.

With him went Luton's composure and their chances of an equaliser.

Bolton's climb into second place might not always have been sure-footed, but they convinced Billy Bingham, manager of League Cup semi-final opponents Everton, that their organisation and self-control are virtually unflappable.

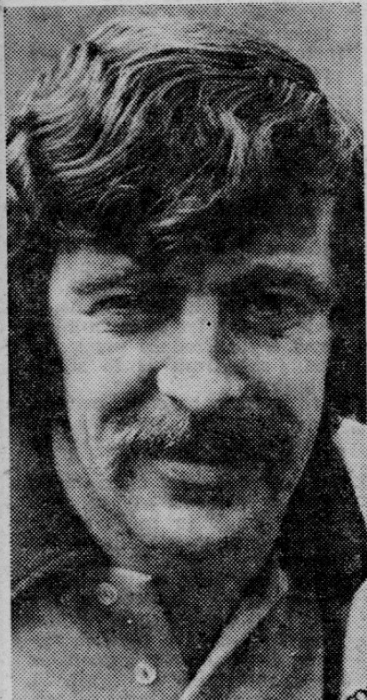
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Yet several times before the interval Allardyce and his back-four partner, Paul Jones, indulged themselves in neat but risky football.

And in the 33rd minute it cost them dearly. Pasquale Fuccillo picked up the ball when Jones stumbled, beat Allardyce and goalkeeper Jim McDonagh for a superb goal.

Greaves and Peter Nicholson finally found a way through the Luton defence on the hour and Neil Whatmore pushed the ball past goalkeeper Milija Aleksic.

Luton's John Faulkner was cautioned for kicking the ball away at a free-kick and Allardyce also went into the book for a foul on Ron Fletcher.



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