

Sorry Saints go West

LUTON picked up their first win in eight games in spectacular and totally surprising fashion—ending Southampton's impressive run of 22 games without defeat at The Dell.

Yet the pattern of play made nonsense of the recent records of both sides and Luton should have romped home but for a succession of hair-raising misses.

Mystery

Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy, still waiting to hear the results of his interview for the England job, made a baffling substitution when he took off Steve Neville for Trevor Hebbard in the 67th minute.

For Neville had been the only forward to give the attack width and Hebbard committed and unnecessary foul on Lil

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Fuccillo five minutes later to concede the free kick that led to the winner.

Alan West tapped the kick to Fuccillo and his shot was deflected slightly by Ron Fletcher past the diving Peter Wells.

But Luton should have been kicking themselves for not taking the lead earlier.

Their best chance was squandered by Phil Boersma five minutes into the second half. He got a lucky rebound from a Chris Nicholl pass and broke clear.

But, incredibly, after rounding goalkeeper Wells he slid his shot wide of the empty goal.

Fourteen minutes later Boersma cursed his luck as he hit the foot of the post.

West then broke clean through a minute later but,

with Wells hesitating, he put the ball the wrong side of the post.

Saints were full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing. They scurried about with Steve Williams and Neville proving most of the enterprising running, but got nowhere.

Speedy

Luton goalkeeper Milija Aleksic did show a fair turn of pace as he dived bravely to intercept crosses intended for Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer.

Aleksic also turned a wild pass from his own centre half John Faulkner for a corner, blocked a drive from Williams, and again cut off MacDougall after Neville-Williams move gave him time to shoot.

SOUTHAMPTON. — Wells; Waldron, Andruszewski, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Neville. Sub: Hebbard.

LUTON. — Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Jones, Husband, Hill, Fletcher, Fuccillo, Boersma. Sub: Carr.