

They played some football too

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Luton 1, Millwall 0

BRIAN STEIN scored the decisive goal to take Luton through to their first FA Cup semi-final in 26 years—against a backdrop of intimidation from a violent mob of Millwall fans.

Stein coolly took the one genuine chance of an ordinary match latching on to Anton Otulakowski's mistake, directing his angled shot smartly into the corner off the far post past goalkeeper Paul Sansome.

Earlier referee David Hutchinson, a police inspector, had taken the players off the field for 25 minutes.

When he brought them back he had to curb aggressive tendencies on the pitch, booking Millwall defenders Lindsay Smith and Keith Stevens, as well as Luton's Tim Breacker.

With sickening scenes periodically disrupting the match, football was a clear loser and Luton's hero was goalkeeper Les Sealey.

He had to endure 45 minutes of missile throwing from the Millwall fans.

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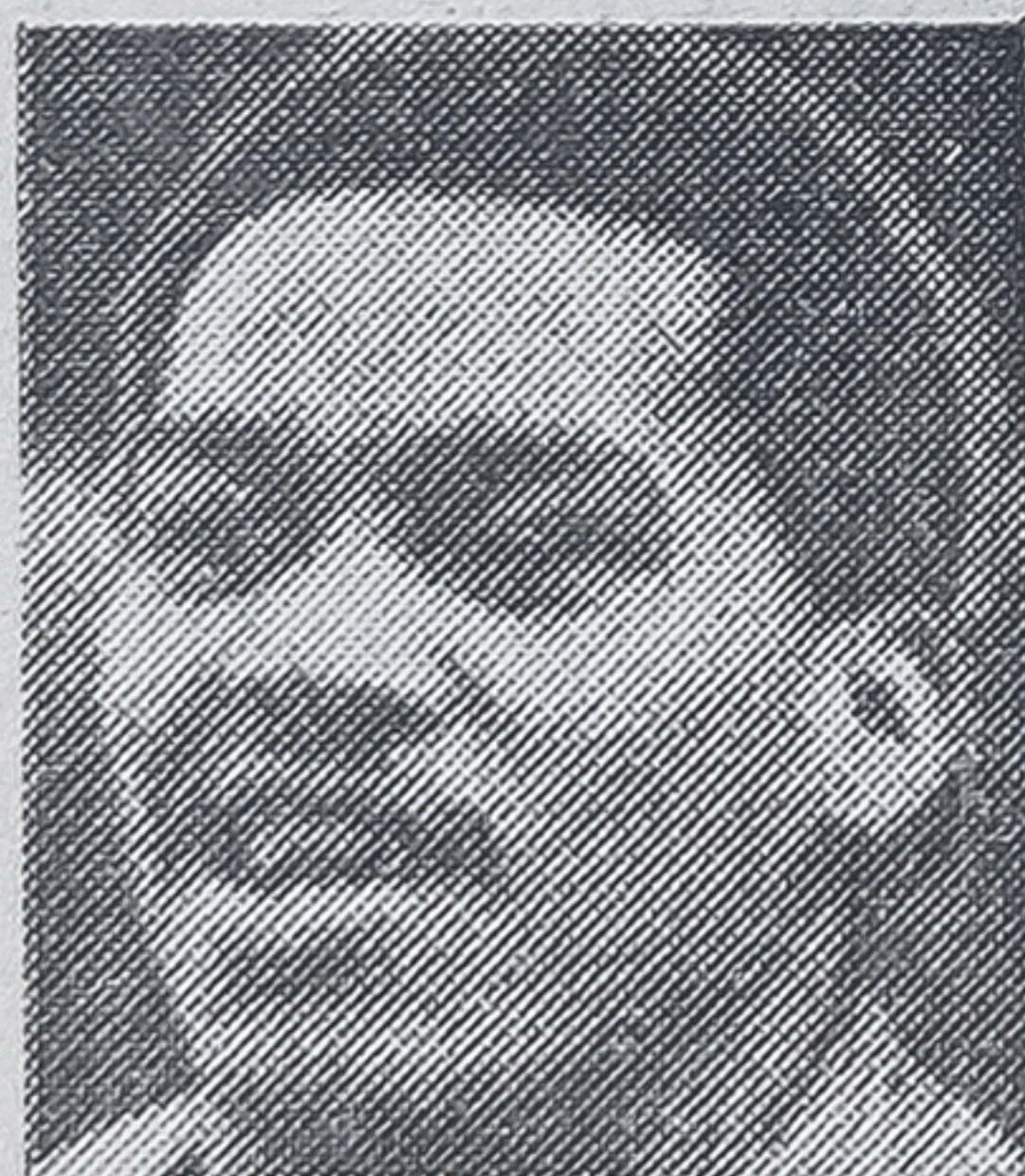
Although he had only a few run-of-the-mill shots to save, Sealey performed magnificently, constantly distracted by menacing fans directly behind his goal.

Scorer Stein almost grabbed a second in the 57th minute.

The South African-born former England international produced one moment of great individual skill, eluding his marker in fine style.

His cross was directed past Sansome by Mick Harford, but an eagle-eyed linesman had spotted that the striker had handled.

Late in the match Sealey was struck on the head by a missile, but he never flinched from his duty as Luton, who celebrate their centenary year, moved forward to a



STEIN: Winner semi-final clash with League leaders Everton.

Millwall manager George Graham sent on Kevin Bremner for Stevens, who had already been booked and later squared up to Harford in an off-the-ball incident.

Luton skipper Steve Foster is now just one match away from erasing a Wembley nightmare.

Two seasons ago when he took Brighton to the Cup Final he was banned and missed the Wembley encounter with Manchester United, although he did play in the replay.

It's only the second time in the club's history that they have reached the last four.

The first occasion was in 1959 when they went on to lose at Wembley to Nottingham Forest.

Graham said: "What went on on the field was total honesty, no thuggery and nothing nasty at all. They had the extra class."