

Crash landing

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By **DAVID MOORE**: Coventry 4, Luton 0

CUP kings Luton came a horrible cropper last night.

This devastating defeat left boss Ray Harford admitting: "It was a thrashing and we could have done without that in our last match before the Si-mod Cup final. We looked weary but now we have 10 days' rest before Wembley and we shall be going to Brighton for a break."

Harford added: "We tried to attack Coventry, but we didn't work as hard as we can."

"I thought it might be a 5-5 draw, but it ended up with us suffering a thrashing."

"It's not easy on Coventry's sand-covered pitch. It will never replace plastic!"

With three Wembley appearances already in the bag, and a fourth on the horizon, Luton simply lost interest in this League clash.

Gary Bannister, Coventry's £300,000 new boy from Queen's Park Rangers, continued his dream start since rejoining the Midland club.

Bannister crowned his home debut with a goal that made it 2-0.

Steven Sedgely volleyed Coventry in front from 12 yards after 34 minutes.

Bannister side-footed the second four minutes later, set-up by a clever free-kick routine.

Skipper Brian Kilcline blasted number three from the penalty spot after 60 minutes. Mick Harford had tripped gutsy midfielder Dean Emerson, who insisted on playing despite his mother's funeral earlier in the day.

And Cyrille Regis continued the slaughter by streaking clear to slide the ball wide of Les Sealey in the 64th minute.