

Sealey's night of torment

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FOUR goals in 30 dazzling minutes either side of the interval left Luton goalkeeper Les Sealey highly embarrassed on his return to Highfield Road.

It was attacking football of the highest order that evoked memories of Coventry's FA Cup triumph last year and left Luton searching for the inspiration that has taken them to two finals of their own and close to a third.

Coventry 4 Luton 0 ; By TREVOR HAYLETT

No better illustration was provided than Cyrille Regis's goal in the 64th minute. Collecting the ball just over the halfway line, he lost Mal Donaghy in a 40-yard run that ended with him shooting decisively past Sealey.

It triggered another round of baiting for the unfortunate former Coventry goalkeeper, whose misery had started in the 34th minute with Steve Sedgley's opener.

David Smith, Coventry's exciting left-wing introduction provided the second four minutes later for Gary Bannister.

Luton, who had booked places in the Littlewoods and Simod Cup finals on their own plastic pitch, found no way out on the sand-logged surface of Highfield Road.

Mick Harford, denied much sight of the ball up front, retreated to defensive duties but only succeeded in fouling Dean Emerson. Brian Kilcline shot home the 60th minute penalty.

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David Speedie, who hounded Luton all night with his own return to form, should have added to the tally but finished off another delightful move with a header straight at Sealey.

Luton manager Ray Harford said: 'This result might just bring us back to earth.'

The win lifted Coventry from 14th to ninth place in the First Division.

□ LUTON striker Mick Harford yesterday finally signed a new three-year contract with the club and explained why he rejected a move to West Ham.

Luton accepted a £950,000 bid earlier this season but Harford turned down the transfer.