

# Dowie steps up to dent unlucky Derby

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IAIN Dowie, called into the Luton team for his first full League match of the season shattered Derby with a goal minutes after half-time at Kenilworth Road.

Derby had a lucky escape midway through the first half when Dowie — in for Roy Wegerle — beat Peter Shilton only for his goal to be disallowed following a foul by Lars Elstrup.

A sparkling performance by Mark Wright at the heart of the Derby defence, kept Luton out in the first half and ensured that the visitors shaded the half.

They had relied greatly on the attacking combination of Paul Goddard and Ted McMinn.

McMinn, in particular, caused a square Luton defence plenty of problems with some energetic runs along the right wing while Goddard, after a difficult opening, finally got the measure of Marvin Johnson to produce some incisive runs through the middle.

Neither goalkeeper was particularly troubled in the first half. Shilton made one noteworthy save from Elstrup minutes before

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half-time following a run and cross by Tim Breacker.

Meanwhile the Derby goalkeeper's opposite number, Alec Chamberlain, made a fine save from a fierce drive by Dean Saunders.

The stalemate was broken almost immediately after the interval when Luton's Northern Ireland international Kingsley Black floated in the centre for Dowie to head home by the far post.

Minutes later, Black sent a drive swerving past a post as Luton took control.

Luton substituted the injured Black for David Preece in the 73rd minute and three minutes later Derby were desperately unlucky not to equalise when Wright rattled the post with a tremendous header.

LUTON.— Chamberlain; Breacker, Dreyer, Wilson, Johnson, Beaumont, Williams, Dowie, Elstrup, Kennedy, Black. Sub: Preece 73 (for Black inj).  
DERBY.— Shilton; Sage, Forsyth, Williams, Wright, Blades, McMinn, Saunders, Goddard, Hebbard, Micklewhite.