

# Andy's smash 'n grab

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**LUTON 1**  
**WEST BROM 2**

## Naylor stars for Baggies

DROPPED striker Andy Hunt came off the substitutes' bench to inspire a late Albion smash and grab raid at Kenilworth Road.

Hunt hit an 83rd minute winner to round off a storming finish from Alan Buckley's side which leaves them third in Division One.

But Albion owe a big vote of thanks to keeper Stuart Naylor who saved a penalty after Lee Ashcroft had levelled the scores and had earlier pulled off two superb saves to stop Luton extending their lead.

Hunt will be delighted with his winner as he had been left out of the side for two successive League matches.

But when he was introduced as a 55th minute substitute

for Dave Gilbert the game began to swing Albion's way.

But the game was marred by some atrocious refereeing by Warwick official Graham Barber who booked eight players in a game that was far from ill-tempered.

He also controversially failed to allow a Stacy Coldicott "goal" after 72 minutes when the ball had clearly crossed the line before Luton keeper Ian Feuer recovered.

Yet, for 70 minutes Albion were a real disappointment.

Manager Buckley began the game with five in midfield but reverted to 4-4-2 before half-time.

Bottom club Luton took the lead after 19 minutes when they capitalised on a defen-

sive mix-up between skipper Paul Mardon and Daryl Burgess as both players stood and watched Steve Davis' long ball find its way to Richard Harvey who scored from 10 yards.

Luton might have had a second eight minutes later but David Oldfield's drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Naylor.

Luton should have wrapped up the game in the 54th minute when Gary Waddock found Oldfield in plenty of space. Oldfield raced towards goal but Naylor again came to the rescue to save bravely at his feet.

It certainly did not seem to be Albion's day, especially when left-back Paul Agnew,

who had only just recovered from a knee injury, was stretchered off with knee ligament damage following a challenge with Luton's Graham Alexander.

The gods were definitely not smiling on Buckley's team when Hunt set up Coldicott whose shot looked to have crossed the line before Feuer could get to it.

Albion's large away following were celebrating along with the 21-year old midfielder until referee Barber added to a string of dubious decisions by waving play on.

But there was no doubt two minutes later when Kevin Donovan crossed for Ashcroft to head home from close range.

The action was coming thick and fast and Luton were gifted a penalty when Mardon brought down Dwight Marshall in the area.

But with Luton's regular spot-kick-man Bontcho Guentchev on the bench, the

job went to Davis and his penalty brought another excellent save out of Naylor, diving to his right.

Albion suddenly rediscovered their battling qualities and grabbed a dramatic winner with seven minutes to go when Donovan raced down the right hand side and sent in a cross. When Julian James tried to clear it was Hunt who made the most of the situation to convert.

Even then Albion could have had a penalty when Bob Taylor appeared to be pushed over in the area, but the referee again waved play on and Barber's final two yellow cards appeared to be needless as Taylor jokingly squared up to Feuer in what was little more than a light-hearted exchange.

LUTON TOWN: Feuer; Peake (James, 45), Johnson, Davis, Waddock, Hughes, Alexander, Marshall, Oldfield, Woodford, Harvey. Subs: Guentchev, McLaren.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: Naylor; Burgess, Agnew (Smith, 68), Coldicott, Mardon, Raven, Donovan, Gilbert (Hunt, 88) Taylor, Ashcroft, Cunningham. Sub: Reece (gk).

Referee: Graham Barber (Warwick).



● WINNER . . . Andy Hunt