

FIVE-STAR HATTERS SHOW NO MERCY

By Mark Wood

BARROW boss Dave Bayliss admitted it was 'men against boys' as Luton ran riot against bare-bones Barrow at Kenilworth Road.

Missing five players through injury and three through suspension, the Bluebirds grabbed a surprise lead inside two minutes, but from thereon in it was all Luton as they drew level before letting rip with four second half goals.

Bayliss admitted: "It turned out to be men against boys at the end of the game

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LUTON TOWN 5

Willmott 12, 46, Watkins 55
Dance 61, Morgan-Smith 75



BARROW 1

Mackreth 2

after we gave ourselves a great start."

Hatters boss Gary Brabin, meanwhile, was delighted with the result, saying: "I thought it was a really good performance, a really brave performance and I'm delighted with the result."

The Bluebirds made a dream start as they snatched

the lead out of the blue after just 77 seconds. Jack Mackreth outpaced Jake Howells on the right and kept his calm as he strode into the box and dinked over exposed keeper Mark Tyler to give the visitors the lead.

From there the hosts proceeded to boss possession in the first half and

deservedly levelled from the spot 10 minutes later.

Janos Kovacs' crossfield pass was well controlled by Aaron O'Connor as he surged into the box at the back post and was sent tumbling by Kelvin Lomax's untidy challenge.

The Barrow left-back was duly booked and, although Robbie Willmott had his spot-kick saved by the impressive Danny Hurst, the ball broke kindly for him to force the rebound home.

The Bluebirds could have retaken the lead on 31 minutes when a free-kick was

headed back across goal to Adam Boyes, who forced a brilliant a point-blank save from Tyler.

The half ended with Luton laying siege to the Barrow goal, Hurst denying both Curtis Osano and Adam Watkins. After the break Town destroyed Barrow as Willmott poked home James Dance's cross from inside the six-yard box in the opening seconds.

Town completely bossed the second half. The impressive Amari Morgan-Smith linked well with Watkins, who steered the ball past

Hurst on 55 minutes.

An incisive run by O'Connor then created the opportunity for Dance to sweep home his first goal for the club six minutes later.

A rare Barrow effort from Jason Owen was cleared off the line by Kovacs before Morgan-Smith finally got his reward for a sparkling performance with 15 minutes to go when he rounded Hurst before slotting home his eighth goal of the season.

STAR MAN: Amari Morgan-Smith (Luton)

ATT: 5,612

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REF RATING: D Ford 8/10

MATCH STATS

LUTON v BARROW

11	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
6	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
10	CORNERS	0
8	OFFSIDE	1
18	FOULS CONCEDED	12
1	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

LUTON (4-3-3): Tyler 7, Keane 7, Morgan-Smith 9, Willmott 8, O'Connor 8 (Crow 65, 6), Howells 7, Osano 7, Dance 8, Hand 7, Watkins 7 (Kissock 68, 7), Kovacs 7. Subs not used: Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Pilkington.

BARROW (4-4-2): Hurst 8, Nicholas 6, Baker 5, Boyes 5, Owen 5, Mackreth 7, Quinn 5, Almond (Rowe 49, 5), Lomax 5, Mayo 5, Brooke 5 (Ferrell 58, 5). Subs not used: Clancy.