

Luton Steal Victory

A HOME REVERSE AVENGED

Southend0 Luton1
(Attendance 7,000)

SOUTHEND had most of the play but little luck. Luton, beaten in midfield, seized their few chances and netted three times, but only once was the point allowed to stand.

Luton were a dour side, but despite the cleverness of their hefty defenders, the nippy Southend forwards broke through time and again, only to fail at the crucial moment.

Their shooting was not always faulty and Coen was brought to his knees and had to dive across goal to turn out magnificent efforts from Stevens, Lane, and Oswald.

On their general display Southend should have been three up at half-time. Instead, the ever-watchful and elusive Boyd broke through to beat McKenzie, as lively a goalkeeper as Coen, just before the interval, and with that goal Boyd avenged the only home defeat which Luton have sustained this season. That victory then sent Southend to the top of the League table and Luton to the bottom.

In the second half play was more level, and McKenzie was more often in action.

The Luton backs, Mackey and Smith, were steadier and Nelson was more successful in frustrating Stevens.

Southend's backs were also sound, and the right half, Deacon, was in great trim.

Southend.—McKenzie; Nelson, Robinson; Deacon, Turner, Carr; Bolan, Cheesmur, Stevens, Lane, Oswald.

Luton.—Coen; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Crompton, Martin, Boyd, Roberts, Stephenson.