

SOUTHEND'S GOOD TEAM WORK

Southend 3, Luton 0

TWO reserve defenders, Harris, a youngster from Leamington Spa, and Robinson did splendidly for Southend in this thrilling game at the Stadium and another factor was Turner's mastery of Luton's prolific goal scoring leader Payne.

The victors had three parts of the play and had chances enough to establish a good lead before half time, but Goddard, Lane and Oswald fumbled great opportunities.

Mackey, Smith and Nelson did well to hold out the lively Southend attackers until 20 minutes after half-time, when Lane broke through. In the last seven minutes, following some hectic attacks on the visiting goal, Dickenson and Goddard scored.

Both sides made changes, but all through, Southend played with a better understanding. Rich and Dawes went close for Luton, Dawes twice skimming the bar.

Luton offered resistance in keeping with their high reputation, and it was a capital game which, particularly in the second half, provided the crowd of 12,000 people with many thrilling moments.

A feature was the determination and skill shown by the Luton backs, Mackey and Smith, who, although often overrun, emerged from a harassing time with flying colours. Once, near half-time, Smith was rather fortunate to prevent a goal when Dolman had run out, and the full-back managed to kick clear on the line.

Southend.—McKenzie; Nelson, Robinson; Harris, Turner, Spelman; Bird, Lane, Dickenson, Goddard, Oswald.

Luton.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Stevens, Rich, Roberts, Payne, Dawes, Stephenson.