

LUTON TOOK A LOT OF BEATING

LIVERPOOL SEIZE CHANCES

Liverpool 3 Luton 0

Had Luton earned a replay in their tie with Liverpool at Anfield few of the 40,431 spectators present would have felt disgruntled. The score gives an entirely false conception of the trend of play for the visitors not only held their own for 52 minutes but, during this period they actually played better football than Liverpool.

On a ground which was like a gluepot following a rapid overnight thaw, they displayed speed in attack and quickness in tackling which completely unsettled their First Division opponents. Time and again they cut out openings only to find Kemp, Liverpool's South African goalkeeper, the rock on which their attacks were wrecked.

Kemp's best save was a brilliant full-length dive which prevented a great shot from Billington from entering the net quite early in the game, but there were other occasions when Luton threw away chances by shooting straight at the goalkeeper.

Liverpool were rarely in the picture in the first half and they did not dominate the game afterwards. But at last they took their chances. They opened the scoring in 52 minutes, when they were awarded a free kick to the right of the penalty area and Balmer headed through from Nieuwenhuy's centre.

Paterson added the second in 82 minutes, after Coen had fisted away from Taylor and Balmer scored the third from Nieuwenhuy's pass, less than a minute from the end.