

CLASSY HOLDEN IS STOCKPORT BANKER

STOCKPORT 3 LUTON TOWN 0

YES, the score is right. And there was hardly a doubt about it after the first three minutes, when Jackson made Stockport a team of giants with his headed goal from Franklin's pass.

And if you think it was a triumph for the clog and clout merchants—forget it. Stockport were faster, better, brainier. They beat Luton up the left, the right and the centre.

They were all heroes. But the greatest of them all was Holden. Stockport manager Willie Moir banked on a top show from Holden when he moved him to centre-forward for the first time this season. He got it.

Holden played even better than his form for Burnley and England "B" a few years ago. He ran from the half-way line to score a great solo goal after 58 minutes. That was Stockport two up. And seven minutes from time he made the Luton humiliation complete, with another goal after Jackson had cheekily passed through Owen's legs.

I never expected to see a Third Division outfit so outplay First Division stars as Stockport did in the second half.

Luton were routed. They blamed Jackson's third-minute goal. They were not in their stride then. And the roar of the Stockport crowd unnerved them afterwards.

Blackened out

But that does not excuse Luton for the room they gave Holden. Nor explain why Scottish international Brown was blackened out by Franklin.

After Holden had scored the second goal, Moir moved back to play as an extra half-back. But this defensive strategy effort was not needed.

FURTHER OUTLOOK.—Stockport will shake any team at Edgeley—and that includes the best—so long as Holden keeps up this cracking play.

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