

Reading Share Six Goals

Reading 3, Luton Town 3

THREE times did Reading take the lead and three times did Luton hit back to equalize in this semi-final of the Southern Floodlight Cup at Elm Park on Tuesday. The game had its share of thrills but it was mainly a wild scramble with both sets of defenders making many mistakes. Luton's team of stars were put off their stride by the spirited Reading players who threw away their normal defensive tactics in favour of an all-out offensive.

Reading, with their half-back line in fine form, attacked with great gusto in the first half. Wheeler was their liveliest forward. He made Dixon's goal after eight minutes, following a King corner, and put his side 2-1 in the lead with a flick shot over his

shoulder from Harrison's corner in the 38th minute.

Ten minutes earlier, Turner, Luton's best forward, scored from the penalty spot after Davies had tripped Groves.

Davies made another costly slip 12 minutes after the interval when he failed to stop a forward pass from Cullen which was calmly placed past the advancing Jones by Turner.

Two minutes later Baynham could only punch an 18-yard low shot from Walker to Wheeler who drove the ball into the empty net.

Luton now gave all they had and showed glimpses of their undoubted talent. With 12 minutes to go all their forwards were attacking in line. The massed Reading defenders were powerless to stop a high centre from McLeod which went to Adam, whose shot hit the bar. Groves headed home the rebound.

Not long before this goal a hopeful lob shot by Wheeler from about 16 yards hit the left-hand post with Baynham making no attempt to save.

Reading: Jones; McLaren, Reeves; Anderson, Davies, Evans; King, Wheeler, Dixon, Walker, Harrison.

Luton: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; McLeod, Owen, Pacey; Adam, Turner, Groves, Cullen, McLeod.

The replay will be at Luton next Monday.