



● Luton right back Brendan McNally rushes back to cover 'keeper Ron Baynham as centre forward Derek Reeves (arms outstretched) watches this Southampton attack.

BAYNHAM PROPS UP LUTON AS FORWARDS FLOP

Southampton 3 Luton 0: by JAMES HASTINGS

SOUTHAMPTON had only two reasons to rejoice about their 3—0 win over Luton at The Dell. It brought them their third League double in successive matches, and to centre-forward Derek Reeves, struggling to find his best form, it meant more than that. His first-half goal—which set Saints on the winning path—was his 175th first-team goal, beating former right-winger Eric Day's postwar scoring record.

But this was a game which had the crowd yawning and shuffling their feet long before the end. Both sets of forwards finished deplorably. When Southampton were on target veteran Ron Baynham was magnificent in the Luton goal. On the rare occasions when Luton got through Tony Godfrey—10 years Baynham's junior—was just as good.

It looked as if Southampton were robbed of a penalty after 18 minutes when Reeves was brought down by Ron Cope, the Luton skipper, but referee Jennings waved play on.

Seconds later Reeves fastened on to a return pass from Tommy Mulgrew and ran the ball in from an acute angle. As the ball flashed into the net it brushed Baynham's outstretched hand.

But after this goal the Saints attack flopped. Even Terry Paine was among the culprits as chance after chance went begging.

Once, full-back Brendan McNally cleared off the line with Baynham helpless on the ground.

Early in the second-half Luton made one spirited rally, but go-it-alone centre-forward Gordon Turner found no support from his Luton colleagues. A twisting, acrobatic

leap by Godfrey robbed Alec Ashworth of a certain goal.

Southampton played for much of the second half at half speed but just as the crowd was despairing they came to life with two more goals in six minutes.

In the 68th minute Paine sent top scorer George O'Brien away and the tiny inside right hammered in his 25th goal of the season.

Five minutes later Paine floated a high ball across the goalmouth. Between them Baynham and McNally fumbled a clearance and the ball ran loose to inside-left Mulgrew who quickly returned it into the empty net.

After that, Luton just fell to pieces.

Southampton have now taken 11 points from the last 12.