

THIRD DOUBLE FOR SOUTHAMPTON

REEVES'S 175th GOAL

Southampton ... 3 Luton ... 0

Southampton won this dull duel at the Dell, gained their third double in successive matches, and narrowed the gap in the promotion race

Centre-forward Reeves scored his 175th goal for the club, beating the post-war scoring record set up by former right-winger Eric Day. Beyond this, however, Southampton had little to celebrate in this undistinguished match.

Against the often unsure and too square Luton defence chance after chance was squandered before Reeves opened the scoring in the 18th minute taking a return pass from Mulgrew and sending the ball in off the outstretched leg of the goalkeeper, Baynham, from the sharpest of angles.

PLAYERS TOO CASUAL

Often At Half-Pace

Luton hit back for brief spells immediately before and after the interval and an equaliser then would have made a big difference to the casual Southampton players who often were at half-pace.

But the storm was weathered and Paine made goals for his two inside-forwards in the 68th and 73rd minutes. As a defender stumbled Paine gave top scorer O'Brien the chance to beat Baynham with his 25th goal of the season.

Baynham and full-back McNally together fumbled a Paine centre and the ball ran loose to Mulgrew who promptly returned it into the unguarded net.