

Two sent off at Luton

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Luton 4, Southend 1

BITTER scenes at Luton ended with two players — Friel (Southend) and Pacey (Luton) — being ordered off in the second half.

The trouble started when Weir scored Luton's fourth goal Southend claimed offside, but the referee let the goal stand.

Several nasty incidents followed play was held up for some time. Two minutes after play was resumed Friel and Pacey were ordered off and the game became a shambles.

The nasty atmosphere took some of the glory from the return of Turner, after a spell in the reserves.

He marked his come-back with a hat-trick — the first goal coming after 11 minutes when the Southend attack were looking dangerous.

There was little between the

teams in the first half, but just after the interval Turner put Luton further ahead from a penalty after McKechnie had been brought down.

Five minutes later, Turner headed his third goal from a centre by Smith, who spent 70 minutes of the game limping on the left wing because of a sprained ankle.

Southend's only goal came six minutes from the end, when Bradbury scored from the penalty spot after Woodley was brought down.

Apart from this the Luton defence, showing new found strength, were not bothered much by a Southend forward line which did not maintain its early promise.

Luton: Baynham; Morton, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, McGuffie; Fairchild, Smith, Turner, McKechnie, Weir.

Southend: Rhodes; Neal, King; Bentley, Costello, Bradbury; Woodley, Smith, Ashworth, Friel, McKinven.

Referee: H. G. New (Havant).