

Tinsey brilliant —but Luton flop

Southend 5 Luton 0 : by FRANK STEVENS

UNLUCKY Colin Tinsey. Luton's goalkeeper, beaten twice in four minutes during the first quarter of an hour through no fault of his own, defied a non-stop barrage by Southend's lively forwards until 17 minutes from time.

Then, in eight minutes, three unstoppable shots beat him to emphasise the superiority of Southend.

From the first minute, moving the ball well on the muddy surface, Southend easily rolled back Luton's defence. Yet their first goal was a lucky one.

Luton left half Reid, trying to turn a Woodley centre behind well clear of his goal, saw it skid off his boot into the far side of the net.

The second, in the 13th minute, came when the gallant Tinsey

parried a fierce Gilfillan drive which shot up in the air for McKinven to head in.

Southend pounded on with forceful attacks, and Tinsey saved them from all their forwards and also wing halves Bradbury and Bentley.

For 10 minutes before half-time it looked as though Luton had gathered courage from Tinsey's almost faultless display. They launched several likely-looking attacks and twice Phillips tried shots which had power but no direction.

It was Tinsey again in the second half. Diving and leaping, he held Southend at bay with little help from the rest of the team, who were mainly back in defence.

Something was bound to snap and it did, in the 73rd minute. McKinven waltzed by Barton to score goal No. 3, Gilfillan added another four minutes after, and Bentley hammered home the final goal nine minutes from time.