

Thomas, 5, shatters Luton

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Scunthorpe 8 Luton 1

IN their last home match of the season Scunthorpe smashed three club records against luckless, relegation-doomed Luton Town.

This was the Lincolnshire club's biggest win in their 15 years of League football and centre-forward Barrie Thomas, who scored five of the eight goals, registered their fastest hat-trick.

In a four-minute spell he scored three of his five second-half goals.

The other record for Scunthorpe was hardly one to shout about—the attendance of 2,587 was the lowest the club has ever had.

Hapless Luton had not looked like being so overwhelmed at half time. Scunthorpe began with a sensational burst of scoring—three goals in the first seven minutes—but the visitors were fighting back strongly at the interval.

Wingers Andy Wilson and Stuart Bramley along with Barry Mahy at inside left had found the Luton net with three accurate drives well wide of goalkeeper Colin Tinsley in that first goal-scoring spell.

Luton leader John O'Rourke, after one bad miss, reduced the lead in the 28th minute and from then to half time Luton looked equally as good as their opponents.

Thomas's own first goal, in the first minute of the second half, brought about the Luton collapse.

This was accentuated in the 57th minute when they lost the services of O'Rourke who was injured.

Thomas went on to score another three goals in the 67th, 69th, and 70th minutes and, two minutes from the end, he registered his fifth and Scunthorpe's eighth goal.

His three goals in that four-minute spell must have been one of the quickest hat-tricks in League football.