

LUTON EXPOSE FLAWS

Luton 4, Halifax 1

WITHOUT ever reaching the brilliance of which they have shown themselves capable, Luton exposed the weaknesses of this moderate Halifax team and maintained their impressive home record. They did not sparkle so brightly because they were deprived of the services of French early on.

He missed the whole of the second half. Rivers came on as substitute but the balance of the front line was badly affected.

To make matters worse Read damaged an ankle ligament. Even so Halifax were always on the losing end and would have been worse off but for some fine saves by Raynor.

Moore set Luton on the victory path with a searing drive after 10 minutes, and O'Rourke increased the lead. A great drive by Whittaker brought No. 3 on the hour, and Read added another.

Luton then tended to ease up, and a better equipped forward line

than that of Halifax might have cashed in handsomely on some careless defensive work.

It was left to Balmer, who had made the best effort earlier, to secure their goal four minutes from the end. Taylor and Fidler were the best of the Halifax attack. Pickering was strong in a defence that was too liable to be drawn out of position.

Luton: Tinsley; Thomson, Jardine; Reid, Woods, Moore; French, Read, O'Rourke, Fry, Whittaker. Sub.: Rivers.

Halifax: Raynor; Russell, Brier; Smith, Pickering, Lee; Taylor, Atkins, Balmer, McMillan, Fidler. Sub.: Clarke.

Referee: Mr. H. G. New (Portsmouth).