

Read ties it up in 45sec

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TONY READ, the man Luton signed as a goalkeeper but use as an inside right.

stung Southport with a goal only 45 seconds after the start.

It was a blow from which they never really recovered but credit both teams for keeping the 7,307 fans warm with some fine football on a pitch that looked perfect for ice hockey.

Southport had to spend most of the game on defence but their play was well organised, with everyone funnelling back to support Ted Molyneux.

But they never really mastered Graham French, on Luton's right wing.



It was, in fact, a dazzling run by **FRENCH** that earned Luton's second goal. His cross went over the line before John O'Rourke, following up, pushed the ball into the back of the net.

Luton, perhaps, could have made more of French's genius. The other forwards were provided with chance after chance, but either lost their footing or possession of the ball at the crucial moment.

LUTON.—Tinsley; Riddick, Jardine; Reid, Woods, Rioch; French, Read, O'Rourke, Harber, Whittaker.

SOUTHPORT.—Reeves; Parker, Cairns; Peat, Molyneux, Barratt; Marshall, Alty, Russell, Spence, Smith.