

Read keeps Luton happy

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LUTON manager George Martin, saw his team stay in the promotion race to Division III. And he saw the gamble of putting inside-right Tony Read back in goal, pay off.

Two brilliant Read saves at a critical time probably did as much as anything to win the vital points.

Luton piled on the pressure at the start, and Stockport should have been three down in six minutes. But they had to be content with a goal from Rioch, back in the team after nine weeks off through injury.

Injured

Luton's flowing play was halted when a severe ankle injury to Jardine after 15 minutes saw him carried off.

Although substitute Slough did everything that was required of him, Jardine's mishap seemed to subdue Luton.

Stockport were unlucky when Allchurch and Young hit the woodwork, and Read made great saves from Price and Allchurch.

But the result was settled when O'Rourke was brought down by Clarke, and Whittaker scored from the spot.

LUTON TOWN: Read 8; Thomson 7, Riddick 7, ★WOODS 9, Jardine (injured); Reid 7, Moore 6; French 5, O'Rourke 6, Rioch 8, Whittaker 5. Sub.: Slough 7.

STOCKPORT: ★FLEET 9; Collins 7, Parry 5, Clarke 8, Tillotson 7; Haydock 6, Goodwin 6; Allchurch 5, White 7, Round 6, Price 8.

Referee: P. R. Walters (Bridgwater) 6.