

LUTON HOPES TAKE KNOCK AT HALIFAX

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HALIFAX ended their season on a defiant note last night by complicating Luton's challenge for promotion. Although they still have matches in hand, Luton will have to show more enterprise than this to finish in the top four of Div. IV.

In a tepid first half the uncertain Halifax defence gave Luton enough space to win the match, but their only dangerous moment came when O'Rourke came close to scoring with an overhead kick.

It took 65 minutes for Halifax to realise Luton were not giants, but when they did take the lead through Westlake's header they assumed complete control.

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Read made some fearless saves but he must have been bewildered by the time McMillan flashed home the second goal in the 82nd minute, for Fidler's cross was missed by three other forwards on the way.

In the final eight minutes Luton came back with their brightest forward play of the match, but it was too late. With right-half Smith outstanding, Halifax added a third in the last minute when Lee slammed home a pass from Fidler.

A substitute in the 31st minute for the injured Whittaker, Edwards was booked in the 55th minute after an incident with Wooler.

Halifax.—White; Russell, Clarke; Smith, Pickering, Lee; McMillan, Westlake, Wooler, Atkins, Fidler

Luton.—Read; Thomson, Slough; Riddick, Woods, Moore; French, Reid, O'Rourke, Rioch, Whittaker. (Sub. Edwards).