

LISTLESS LUTON

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Luton were ragged in defence and the forward line was devoid of shooting power. In fact, Rochdale were so superior that they could have trebled their score.

Bert Lister, Rochdale's centre-forward, missed three chances in the first 20 minutes, but Wheatley made amends with a 45th minute goal, which was followed by an inspired spell in which Rochdale added to their score through Russell and Crossley.

The only Luton player to cause Rochdale any worry was Graham French, and when he failed to turn out after the interval because of an injury, all fire had gone from the visitors.

Tony Read, in the Luton goal, saved his side from a heavy defeat. The last time he played at Rochdale he was an inside-forward, and no doubt his prowess as a marksman could well have been utilised last night.