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Luton players

Southport 4 Luton 1; by BOB BOOTH

LUTON GOALKEEPER Tony Read must have been wishing he was back in the safety of the forward line after the blistering reception he was given by Southport's hot shots. Last season Read played in attack—and scored 12 goals

It is a pity after this display that he was one of three Luton players whose names were taken by referee Brady. The others were full-back Thompson and centre half Gordon Riddick.

Colin Alty, who has been playing full-back and centre half after being last season's second highest scorer, zoomed back into the goal charts with his first two this season—in the third and 52nd minutes—from his new link-man left-half role.

The other goals came from inside forwards Alan Spence (54th minute)—a goal laid on by Alty—and Alex Russell (57th minute).

All this goal action came after centre-forward Jim Fryatt had gone off with a strained groin after only 15 minutes. John Price came on as substitute.

Luton hit their reply to Southport's goal spree through inside-left Bruch Rioch in the 58th minute. It was the only time

that the home defence was caught wrong-footed.

Only inside-right Ray Whittaker showed the ideas that could have kept Luton in the fight. And no one else was there to carry his scheming off.