

SOUTHEND FALL TO ALLEN SHOT

Luton 1 Southend 0

Two teams desperate for points, for different reasons, fought a hard bruising battle in the mud. Belying their lowly League position, Luton should have built a winning lead in the first half, during most of which they kept Southend's defence at full stretch.

But Luton were not nearly decisive enough in the penalty area. Even so, Roberts was kept busy

Southend, who had been mainly on the defensive, opened up more in the second half

But Luton never gave up their quest for a goal and were rewarded 10 minutes from the end. Allen scored with a low long shot that Roberts should have saved, doubtless being beaten by the greasiness of the ball.

Luton.—Read; Thomson, Jardine, Conboy, Dougan, Moore; French, Allen, Rioch, Whitaker, King. Subst: Johnson.

Southend.—Roberts; Bentley, Matthews; Slack, May, Beanland; Smillie, Woodley, Ingle, Smith, McKinven.