

Luton cheers

Luton 3 Southend 1



SOUTHEND lost their unbeaten record while Luton kept their 100 per cent home record intact at Luton last night.

It was never a great game but it was tension-laden and kept Luton's biggest crowd for nearly 18 months, 13,332, in constant excitement.

Southend, fast and hard working, started as if they would dominate.

Luton outlasted the early storm and scored first through

their star player John Moore after 23 minutes.

Both teams had a goal disallowed and Luton's chance seemed to have gone when Jackie Ferguson equalised after 69 minutes.

Two minutes later Terry Branston headed Luton ahead again from a corner, and Graham French made the points safe with 12 minutes left.

It was always a tough match but not a bad tempered one.

Luton.—Read; Hare, Jardine, Dougan, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Sub: McDerment.

Southend.—Roberts; Bentley, Birks, Ashworth, May, Stevenson, Ferguson, Chisnall, Smillie, McMillan, McKinven. Sub: Beesley