

WHITTAKER PERKS UP LUTON

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Luton 4 Workington 0

RIGHT HALF Alan Slough, who is emerging as a most useful marksman, gave Luton the lead in two minutes, but it took them most of the game to get going.

Luton's front line, which has been so impressive, was firing on only two or three cylinders in the first half, and Workington's defence, though it later proved unreliable, had no trouble in preventing further goals.

However, Workington, with more than one chance to draw level, had little to commend them apart from the neatness with which they built attacks in midfield.

Doubtless they missed the thrust that the injured George McLean could have provided. There was no one to make the most of some fine prompting by the experienced Alan Kirkman.

Having ended an unimpressive first-half display still with their heads in front, Luton came in for some expressive words of wisdom from manager Allan Brown.

They showed an immeasurable improvement, due in large part to the opportunism of Ray Whittaker, who scored twice in 12 minutes.

One goal was brilliantly laid on by Luton's next most impressive forward, Ian Buxton, who was desperately unlucky not to score.

Workington's defence became badly rattled and hesitation led to Bruce Rioch putting on a fourth goal six minutes from the end.

It was a patchy game for Rioch, Luton's most valuable asset, who was being watched by Arsenal's George Male.