

Luton keep up home run

Luton 2, Halifax 0

LUTON sauntered to their eighth consecutive victory and maintained their 100 per cent. home record.

Halifax came deeply committed to the hope that they could save a point. They placed emphasis on defence and did not even relax it when Buxton scored a great opportunist goal after 26 minutes.

Even worse, Halifax seemed to go deeper into the realms of negation by bringing on defender Pickering for centre-forward Parks at the start of the second half.

Missed sitter

Perhaps Parks paid the penalty for having missed a sitter when the score sheet was still blank, but at least he was an attacker, whereas Pickering assumed a second centre-half role.

Maybe this was designed to bolster up Sneddon, signed overnight from the Orient and who had an uncomfortable debut against Luton's lively forwards.

The main difficulty Luton encountered was how to find room in which to manoeuvre in the tightly packed penalty area and clear shooting opportunities were few.

However, once Luton had scored a second goal through the work of the wing-halves, Slough and Moore, their final triumph seemed in little doubt. Moore slid the ball through from close range from Slough's free kick.

That was virtually the end, although there were some near misses, particularly when Allen hit the bar.

Luton.—Read : Dougan, Jardine ; Slough, Branston, Moore, Ryan, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, French, Sub. ; McDermott.

Halifax.—White ; Hampton, Russell ; Smith, Sneddon, McCarthy ; Taylor, Massie, Parks, Ryden, Flower, Sub. ; Pickering.

Referee : E. P. Jones (Treharris).