

CAUTIOUS LUTON LET POINT SLIP

Southport ... 1. Luton 1

SOUTHPORT discovered very quickly that Luton had come with the intention of taking at least one point to improve their promotion hopes, and meant to get it. The tactics they used were almost text-book offside traps.

Yet, ironically, it was an off-side decision which cost Luton the extra point they could have taken. In the 73rd minute, with the score 1-1, Moore at left-half gathered a loose ball and passed low to centre-forward Buxton.

His long shot with the wind behind it needed no assistance to beat Reeves. Yet Rioch could not resist the temptation to help the shot on its way, and it was then that the outside-left was flagged offside.

Luton had taken the lead in the 55th minute through Lewis, who headed in at short range a high cross from Bannister. Southport's equaliser six minutes later was not so simple, and far more unexpected.

Alex Russell, Southport's captain, took a corner kick and, against the wind, swung the ball into the net past the surprised Read.

Southport.—Reeves; Curwen, Clarke, Peat, Russell (M.), Aindow, Alty, Field, Andrews, Russell (A.), Redrobe (sub, Pearson).

Luton Town.—Read; Dougan, Bannister, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Lewis, Buxton, Keen, Rioch (sub, McDerment).