

Luton change for better

Luton 2, Rochdale 0

THERE comes a time when a change of tactics and policy on the field can be devastating, and Luton judged it to a nicety in this vital top-of-the-table battle. For 75 minutes operating with one orthodox winger, French, as a lone raider on the left, they had been getting nowhere.

Then Harrison was introduced on the left-wing putting French on the right and immediately the Rochdale defence, which previously had had so much time, was stretched to capacity. The first goal came a minute after Harrison's arrival with Collins steering the ball past Harker.

With four minutes left Allan who had been thrust forward as a striker — part of the general change of pattern — headed a second goal and that was Rochdale down to a thoroughly undeserved defeat.

Luton: Davie; Ryan, Bannister; Keen, Branston, Slough; Collins, MacDonald, Tees, Allen, French. Sub.: Harrison.

Rochdale: Harker; Smith, Parry; Ryder, Leech, Parry; Ashworth, Whitehead, Rudd, Buck, Jenkins.

Referee: C. Thomas (Treorchy).