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Luton top again —with Viv's rocket

Luton 1 Southport 0



YOUNG Viv Busby rattled through only his seventh League game for Luton last night—and blasted his side to the top of Division Three.

The Luton striker, youngest man in the side, demonstrated just why manager Alec Stock believes he is a player of supreme potential.

For, despite his comparative inexperience he took his 49th-minute goal like a veteran.

Southport, looking desperately for a point, had fought their way through the first half holding danger man Malcolm Macdonald (27 goals this season) with a twin centre-half plan.

But they ignored the talent of Busby—maybe because they'd never heard of him—and they paid for it.

HAPPY FANS

The boy dashed on to a long clearance from goalkeeper Tony Read, whisked his way between defenders Arthur Peat and Chris Dunleavy and rapped the ball into the net.

How the fans loved it! Nearly 17,000 turned up for this crucial game in the charge for Division Two. And hundreds stayed at the finish chanting: "We are the champions."

That might be premature, but Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield would be the first to concede that Luton's chances are better than even—particularly since Bristol Rovers dropped two valuable points on this same night.

Bloomfield was at the game and must have been impressed by Luton's ability to wind up the season with such a sound display.

PLUS the fact that Stock's side were without first choice goalkeeper Alan Starling (damaged knee ligaments) and full-back Jack Bannister (ankle).