

Halom treble halts jeers

Luton 3, Sheffield W. 1 By BOB MORLEY

VIC HALOM celebrated his recall to action with a spectacular hat-trick that silenced jeering Luton fans, and stunned Sheffield Wednesday.

Until Halom's late 11-minute goal burst, Wednesday were stoutly defending the early lead snatched by Joicey. And none defended more bravely than 19-year-old third-choice goalkeeper Trevor Pearson.

Morton Woodseats Working Men's Club apprentice engineer Pearson's Sunday League team, should today sink a pint or two in tribute to him.

His instinctive anticipation and bravery spread confidence among his colleagues.

But the more experienced defenders, with Thompson checking Anderson and Todd covering effectively, lost their grip on the Luton strikers—and Pearson was left stranded.

Turning point

Wednesday blundered in trying to sit on their lead. But the turning point came when Luton boss Alec Stock switched Givens from mid-field into the striking line.

He had replaced Slough, who retired in the 35th minute with a badly cut nose.

With Keen sadly out of touch, Wednesday had dominated until Luton summoned up their last reserves of energy — and pushed Givens forward.

Garner gradually got a grip on Joicey, and Moore, replacing Slough in the back four, shut out the tricky threats of Sinclair.

LUTON: Barber 6—Ryan (John) 6, Garner 7, Slough (inj.) 6, Shanks 6—Keen 5, Moore 7, Court 6—*HALOM 8, Anderson 7, Busby 6. Sub.: Givens 7.

WEDNESDAY: *PEARSON 8—Rodrigues 6, Thompson 7, Todd 7, Clements 6—Pugh 7, Craig 6, Jones 6—Sinclair 6, Joicey 6, 6.

K. Sweet (Aberdare) 7.