

TWO QUICKIES ROCK LUTON

VERDICT

SUNDERLAND needed those goals. They brought life into the play which had not been there in a disappointing first half and once they were alight, there could have been several more to follow.

It was never easy making it look good against a side organized so carefully in defence, but from the moment that they were two down within a minute, Luton had to take a more positive slant and it nearly cost them more goals.

Towers had a tremendous game before going off with what appeared to be slight concussion and there will no doubt have to be a quick check on his condition before he leaves to join the England party for Tuesday's Under-23 international in Czechoslovakia.

Sunderland finished on a high note with Robson, Kerr, Hughes, Porterfield, and Halom putting together a lot of exciting ideas in attack. Attendance 28,338.

Sunderland - - - - 2
Luton Town - - - - 0

SUNDERLAND made one enforced change for their game against Luton Town at Roker Park this afternoon, when they brought in Jackie Ashurst at left back to replace midweek training casualty Joe Bolton. Otherwise the job was left to the starting line-up against Bristol Rovers last week with Mel Holden again on standby as substitute.

Luton's surprise change was the resting of one of the Futchers twins, centre forward Ron, his place going to John Seasman. Their attack also included a former Roker favourite in Brian Chambers who had a spell with Arsenal before moving on to Kenilworth Road.

A crowd approaching 30,000 had gathered in bright sunshine and a fresh breeze when Sunderland started the game attacking the Roker end.

It was a brisk start, too, with two throws forced on the right for Halom to meet the second — a long one by Kerr — to flick it back and Towers raced in to hit a powerful right foot shot just outside the left-hand post.

BY ARGUS

Towers claimed that the ball had been deflected by a defender but the referee insisted upon a goal kick. After Ashurst had broken up a Luton attack with a strong challenge and moved the ball down the line, Porterfield turned it inside for Towers to make a brilliant pass down the wing for Hughes.

Finding his path to goal barred, Hughes hammered over a centre and Kerr just failed to make contact at the far post.

Montgomery had to cover a long shot by Chambers carefully and then Kerr was back to halt West near the corner flag on the right.

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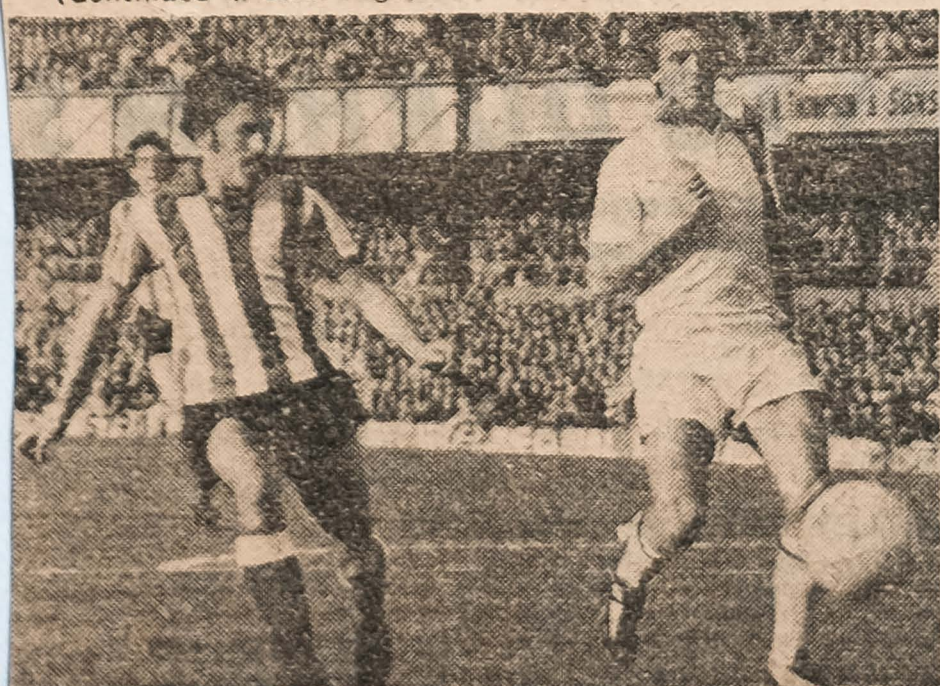
Another Roker attack is broken up as Paul Futchers heads away with Bryan Robson in close attendance.



THE TEAMS

SUNDERLAND	LUTON T.
1 Montgomery	1 Barber
2 Malone	2 John Ryan
3 Ashurst	R Thompson
4 Towers	4 Anderson
5 Clarke	5 Faulkner
6 Moncur	6 Futchers
7 Kerr	7 Jim Ryan
8 Hughes	8 Chambers
9 Halom	9 Seasman
10 Robson	10 West
11 Porterfield	11 Aston
Sub. Holden	Sub.: King

Referee: Mr C N Seal of Carlisle.



Bobby Kerr and Bobby Thomson in a tussle for a through ball in this afternoon's match.