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ALMOST every shade of the soccer spectrum was revealed in a remarkably early snub for Liverpool in their quest for yet another First Division title.

To win at Anfield is always an achievement. To take three points despite the handicap of being without goalkeeper Jake Findlay for almost 50 minutes would have been incredible.

Yet that was the grim prospect before the red-faced champions for almost fifteen minutes of an uneventful half.

A game that had always been interesting rather than spectacular took on a new dimension in the 37th minute when Findlay fell in pain clutching his stomach.

Kirk Stephens took over in goal and when Liverpool led 2-1 at half time an avalanche looked likely. Brian Stein had put Luton ahead with Graeme Souness and Ian Rush scoring for Liverpool.

Mal Donaghy donned the goalkeeper's jersey for the second half and played no small part in a rewarding performance for manager David Pleat and his cavaliers.

In the 52nd minute substitute Raddy Antic put David Moss through to lob past the stunned Bruce Grobbelaar. The Liverpool keeper was rounded again in the 63rd minute when Stein gave Moss a personal payoff for the accuracy and danger of his pass.

Luton, a well-disciplined as well as attractive side, could feel disappointed at not being awarded a penalty in the 74th minute when substitute Craig Johnston felled Hill.

Bupt Johnston, who replaced Dalglish, kept his head when his 76th minute equaliser underlined the pressure build-

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ing up for places in the Liverpool side.

Findlay, who tore a muscle in his chest, was able to travel home with his jubilant teammates with his chest heavily strapped. He could be fit for next week.

Luton skipper Brian Horton, who celebrated his 500th League game, said: "If I played

another 500 it couldn't be a more exciting game than that. Only three of our team had played at Anfield before so we decided to play to our strengths and attack.

"It was a great advertisement for the game and it proved it's no good being frightened of any team, whatever their reputation."

Deputy goalkeeper number one Kirk Stephens said: "I was shaking until the Kop started chanting that I was England's No. 1 goalkeeper."