

5 HATTERS FALL TO GOAL RUSH

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LIVERPOOL 6 LUTON 0

By Eric Harris

LUTON'S hopes of leaving Anfield with at least one point this afternoon lasted precisely 74 seconds when Ian Rush started his personal downfall of the Hatters.

RUSH completed his hat-trick by half time when Luton, the victims of his venomous finishing, would have been fully justified in leaving for home.

At the end of the first 45 minutes the Town, without injured David Moss and Trevor Aylott, had been completely outplayed.

After opening the scoring when he converted Graham Souness's header which hit the bar, RUSH struck again four minutes later to completely unsettle Luton.

Then, in the 36th minute, the striker completed his hat-trick with a powerful header when he beat Les Sealey from Steve Nicol's cross.

Within 60 seconds of that setback, the Town felt another lash of Liverpool's striking whip when KENNY DALGLISH beat Sealey with a shot which the keeper allowed to slip through his fingers and over the line.

After going in four down at halftime, Luton clearly had no chance of getting back into the game and conceded the fifth when RUSH beat the keeper with a superb volley.

There was simply no stopping Liverpool — and it was that man RUSH again who added the sixth three minutes from the end.

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