

SEVEN UP!

Nightmare for Shilton as Luton run riot

By PETER HAYTER

PETER SHILTON suffered the humiliation of being hit for seven of the best by Luton at Kenilworth Road.

Just three days after he savoured England's World Cup qualification at Wembley, passing Gordon Banks's record of 73 goalkeeping caps, Shilton, 36, found Luton more testing than the Turks.

Southampton's 7-0 defeat was Shilton's worst experience for 17 years when, as a 19-year-old, he was on the wrong end of a 7-1 thrashing at Everton.

Afterwards manager Chris Nicholl announced that he had ordered his players to report today to watch a video nasty of the slaughter.

He said: 'They will be embarrassed when they see it. I always felt I was honest as a player and I don't think one or two of them could look me in the face tonight.'

Luton boss David Pleat beamed: 'The invention in our forward line was quite brilliant.'



SUFFERING . . . Peter Shilton's face tells the story as David Preece hits Luton's No. 5

Birthday bonanza

Luton 7,
Southampton 0

LUTON demolished a tattered Southampton side, recording their biggest win since returning to the First Division.

Even the great Peter Shilton was helpless against the avalanche of goals, including a hat-trick by birthday boy Brian Stein, the man of the match.

Luton took on Southampton fresh from their Caribbean Cup victory in Trinidad during the week. Ray Daniel came into the first team reckoning for the first time this season wearing the No. 12 shirt.

Making his debut in place of the injured Joe Jordan in the Southampton line-up was Glenn Cockerill who joined

Saints in preference to Luton from Sheffield United last week for £215,000.

Luton wasted no time stamping their class on a ragged Saints side. With six minutes gone, Harford headed a long clearance down to Stein, he found Nwajiobi and the Nigerian clipped a shot into the net off Shilton's right hand post.

Southampton, sharing the first division's poorest away record, nearly went further behind when Nwajiobi teed the ball up for Stein and his shot flashed just wide.

With 20 minutes gone a slick move involving Stein and Harford ended with Nwajiobi putting the ball into the net. But offside was given against Harford.

Brian Stein celebrated his 28th birthday with a goal in the 33rd minute when his shot hit Wright and ballooned over Shilton's head. His final strike may have been

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fortunate but the build up to it, involving Stein and Nwajiobi, was well worth it.

Dispirited Saints were three down two minutes later when Preece and Thomas combined brilliantly on the left flank. Thomas pulled the ball back to Hill and the midfielder rifled a low drive past Shilton for his first league of the season.

After 55 minutes Luton scored again when Foster's shot was charged down and Stein snapped up the loose ball.

Four minutes later it was 5-0 when a low right wing cross by Harford eluded the defence and Preece tapped in from close range.

With just a minute remaining substitute Daniel scored number six with a low drive past Shilton.



Scorer Stein.

But it was not over yet. In the last seconds Harford was pushed in the penalty area and Stein got his best ever birthday present — the penalty shot for his hat-trick.

Luton: Sealey, Breaker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi, Preece. Sub: Daniel.

Southampton: Shilton, Baker, Dennis, Case, Wright, Bond, Lawrence, Moran, Cockerill, Armstrong, Townsend. Sub: Puckett.