

SHILTON ON THE CARPET

KING of 'keepers Peter Shilton took a pounding on plastic yesterday—and will be on the carpet this morning.

Southampton's Mr Perfect proved he is only human after all by letting in **SEVEN** at Luton, just three days after helping England to the World Cup finals and becoming his country's most-capped goalkeeper.

Shell-shocked Shilton shook hands with every Luton player at the end—and then walked into another barrage in the dressing-room as Saints' boss Chris Nicholl read the riot act to his team.

That was just for openers. Nicholl plans to give them the full treatment in a Sunday showdown at The Dell . . . complete with a video re-run of the Luton horror show.

FURIOUS

A furious Nicholl said last night: "I always felt I was an honest player. I'm not so sure that one or two of my team can look me in the face after this defeat. They let me down.

"I had defenders who couldn't defend and there is no way I'm going to blame Luton's synthetic pitch.

"It was embarrassing. In 20 years I've never been beaten 7-0.

Nicholl now faces a First Division survival battle after taking over from Lawrie McMenemy, the man who brought the big-time to small-town Southampton.

Asked about 36-year-

LUTON 7
S'HILTON 0

Yesterday's scoreboard at Kenilworth Road

By PETER GORMAN

old Shilton's performance, Nicholl implied that the England star would not escape his criticism.

Shilton himself refused to comment on his blackest day for 16 years.

The only other time he has let in seven was when his first club Leicester lost 7-1 at Everton in the 1968-69 season.

Brian Stein was Shilton's tormentor-in-chief, celebrating his 28th birthday by scoring a hat-trick.

What a contrast to

Wembley last Wednesday when Shilton was a virtual spectator as England crushed Turkey 5-0. It was his 74th cap—beating the record set by his Leicester hero Gordon Banks.

THE battle of the Big Two, Manchester United versus Liverpool, ended 1-1 after a bruising clash at Old Trafford.

Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish, who declared himself unfit with Achilles tendon trouble, said: "We were unlucky not to win, the lads were magnificent."

CANON LEAGUE — DIVISION I

ARSENAL	(1) 1	IPSWICH	(0) 0
Davis 4			19,522
EVERTON	(1) 4	WATFORD	(0) 1
Heath 44, Sharp 60, 81, Bracewell 69.		Jackett 57 (pen)	26,425
LEICESTER	(0) 2	SHEFF WED	(1) 3
Lynex 50, A. Smith, 57		Marwood 28, Jonsson 72, Chapman 79	10,259
LUTON	(3) 7	SOUTHAMPTON	(0) 0
Nwajioke 6, Stein 32, 54, 90 (pen) Hill 35, Preece 59, Daniel 87			8,876
MAN UTD	(0) 1	LIVERPOOL	(0) 1
McGrath 64		Johnston 46	54,492
NEWCASTLE	(0) 0	NOTTM F	(1) 3
		Rice 29, Davenport 78, 86	23,151
OXFORD	(2) 2	CHELSEA	(0) 1
Aldridge 32, Rhoades-Brown 42		Dixon 78	12,072
Q.P.R.	(0) 0	MAN CITY	(0) 0
			13,471
WEST BROM	(2) 2	BIRMINGHAM	(1) 1
Varadi 20, Valentine 30		Kennedy 4	14,576
WEST HAM	(2) 4	ASTON VILLA	(1) 1
McAvennie 23, 79, Cottee 34, 57		Stainrod 7	15,034

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	13	6	1	0	16	1	5	1	0	15	4	35
Liverpool	13	6	0	0	17	2	1	4	2	11	12	25
Chelsea	13	6	0	0	12	2	1	3	3	6	11	24
Arsenal	13	5	1	1	10	6	2	2	2	6	6	24
Sheff Wed	13	2	3	1	11	13	5	0	2	11	9	24
Everton	13	5	1	1	17	6	2	1	3	8	9	23
West Ham	13	4	2	1	16	7	1	3	2	7	9	20
Watford	13	6	0	0	19	4	0	1	6	8	21	19
Nottm F	13	3	0	3	9	9	3	1	3	12	10	19
Newcastle	13	4	1	2	14	9	1	3	2	6	12	19
Q.P.R.	13	5	1	1	11	4	1	0	5	4	13	19
Luton	13	3	4	0	15	5	1	2	3	7	11	18
Tottenham	11	4	0	1	18	4	1	2	3	5	9	17
Birmingham	12	4	1	1	7	4	1	0	5	4	14	16
Coventry	12	3	1	2	13	7	0	4	2	5	9	14
Aston Villa	13	1	3	2	8	8	2	2	3	9	11	14
Oxford	14	3	3	1	12	6	0	2	5	8	21	14
Sthampton	13	2	4	0	9	4	0	1	6	4	17	11
Leicester	14	2	4	2	14	15	0	1	5	2	15	11
Man City	13	1	2	3	6	11	1	2	4	6	11	10
Ipswich	13	1	2	3	4	8	1	0	6	3	13	8
West Brom	13	1	2	4	8	16	0	1	5	4	19	6

PLAYING TODAY (11.0) — Coventry v Tottenham.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION — Birmingham 3 Fulham 2; Bristol Rov 1 Charlton 3; Chelsea 4 Oxford 0; Reading 1 Arsenal 6; Southampton 2 Luton 2; Swansea 1 QPR 2; Tottenham 2 Norwich 1; Watford 2 Portsmouth 0.