

Crash go the video nasties

Luton 7 Southampton 0 : By ALAN LYONS

AFTER THE midweek euphoria of Wembley and the promise of Mexico to come, England's Peter Shilton and Mark Wright were brought crashing back to earth at Kenilworth Road.

And ironically it was Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, who now appear to be out of the England reckoning, who produced the Luton style that shattered the Saints.

At times it was so one-sided as to be embarrassing, and afterwards Southampton manager Chris Nicholl revealed that his players would be ordered in today to watch a video of the debacle.

But for Luton it was nothing but jubilation as Stein celebrated his 28th birthday with a hat-trick.

The second goal in the 32nd minute was the turning point. Hill slid a ball to Stein, whose quick shot was deflected off Wright to loop over the head of an out-of-position Shilton.

Southampton were struggling even before that, after conceding a sixth minute goal to Emeka Nwajiobi after good work by Stein.

But it was after the second goal that Southampton fell apart.

And it took only another three minutes for Hill to score the third with a low drive past the bemused Shilton.

The second half was one-way traffic. Stein drove home the fourth after 54 minutes when a Steve Foster shot was deflected into his path.

The best goal of the afternoon came in the 59th minute. Hill found Mick Harford superbly out on the right of the area. The big striker's low cross evaded the Southampton defence and Shilton to be turned over the line by David Preece.

Substitute Ray Daniel scored the sixth after 87 minutes, cheekily clipping the ball past Shilton after a long solo run, and in the last minute Wright ended his unhappy afternoon by bundling over Harford unnecessarily for Stein to blast the penalty high past Shilton.

In contrast, Southampton had little to offer, and it must have been a depressing debut for Glenn Cockerill, the £225,000 midweek signing from Sheffield United.

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