

LUTON'S LACK WAS LEADERSHIP

PENALTY SAVE IN VAIN

Bournemouth 2, Luton 1

HAVING taken a good round four-figure sum from Luton for two players in the past fortnight, Bournemouth filled their ranks with young players, and took a couple of points from the promotion aspirants on Saturday, winning a great game by the odd goal in three.

Luton sadly missed Payne, particularly in the first half, when Dawes, who led their forwards, missed easy chances of giving his side a comfortable lead.

But due credit must be given to Bournemouth, who, missing an opportunity of levelling the score from a penalty in the first half, staged a great revival and scored twice in the first four minutes of the second half.

Stephenson, who was Luton's outstanding forward, scored their only goal after 35 minutes. Riley missed a penalty by shooting high and straight at Dolman three minutes before the interval.

Rowley, an 18-year-old youngster, signed on just over a week ago from Cradley Heath, equalised from Whittam's cleverly-placed pass a minute after the restart. Whittam scored the winning goal three minutes later with a shot from 18 yards.

Chances Lost

Luton had started in great style. Clever forward work, especially by Stephenson and Roberts, put Dawes and Sloan into scoring positions which were not accepted. Bournemouth seemed to be struggling against much superior odds. The home forwards were disjointed and the defence was very busy. The pressure ended with Stephenson's goal, but still Bournemouth were not impressive.

Then came the second half. Bournemouth were a different team. The two quick goals wiped out the disappointment of a missed penalty. Whittam inspired both goals.

Then Luton went to pieces. Nelson and Smith seemed unsafe and Bournemouth's two young wingers came into repeated prominence by making use of long passes.

Riley often outwitted Nelson. Luton's forwards failed against the stalwart defence of Marden, Pincott and Cooke. Their lack of leadership was very apparent. Stephenson was their only dangerous raider.

In the last quarter of an hour Bournemouth were right on top and Luton fought a losing battle gamely.

Bournemouth.—Mellers; Marden, Cooke; Smith, Pincott, Lawrence; Redfern, Whittam, Riley, Chalmers, Rowley.

Luton.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellows; Hancock, Sloan, Dawes, Roberts, Stephenson.