LUTON DEFENCE IN A TANGLE

37/38

Luton Town 2, Tottenham Hotspur 4.

THE success of the 'Spurs was largely owing to the lack of method of the home side. Territorially Luton were superior, especially in the second period.

Of footwork and earnestness they lacked nothing that the 'Spurs showed, but when it came to a thinking-out move the Londoners were just that necessary bit ahead.

Luton's defence rather than the skill of the 'Spurs' attack was the crucial factor.

Nelson was the best half-back on view, but King and Mackey were beaten for craft, and the lack of understanding was painful.

'Spurs' three last goals were due to lack of co-operation among Luton defenders, and Coen was not blameless in the matter of the third goal, for his colleagues left him to come out to a free kick, but he stayed at home, and any one of the five 'Spurs forwards could have scored.

Luton's one big consolation was the success of their new player, Redfern. His goals were the reward of sheer artistry and coolness, and when he has become accustomed to the sharper pace of League football he will be a menace to any defence. With cool head and clever feet he kept the ball down. His passes were accurate and his shooting well aimed.

He and Griffiths shared the honours in the Luton attack, though Payne worked tremendously hard.

The Spurs' defence was magnificent. Hall was lucky often, but Ward was the best back on the field.

Redfern scored for Luton. **Miller** equalised, and **Morrison** scored while Luton were appealing for offside.

In the second half **Redfern** equalised, but **Morrison** and **Sargent** replied for the 'Spurs.

Luton gave goals away.