

Finishing fails the Spurs

Luton 3, Tottenham 2

HAD 'Spurs shown the same quickness in front of goal as they did in mid-field they would not have been beaten.

Despite defence lapses by Luton, and the flying start in which they took the lead when the game was a minute old, they had to submit to defeat by this very improved Luton team, which has now taken eight points out of the last ten.

Many teams would have had all the wind taken out of their sails by the way the 'Spurs began. A centre by Stevens was smartly diverted into the net by Bennett, and Luton were a goal behind before the game had warmed up.

How quickly they recovered is shown by the fact that they were in arrears for only four minutes before Duncan's head safely guided a corner from Waugh into the net.

After that there was very little in it until the last three minutes of the first half, which brought another burst of scoring in which Billington and Duggan scored from Duncan's passes.

'Spurs were helped in their second-half fight with a gift goal for Foreman, but their finishing continued to be poor. They pressed hard but produced few telling shots.

Burgess, Stevens and Dix were their best players. For Luton Beach, Soo and Gager stood out in a hard-working defence, and Duncan was easily the most dangerous forward.