

Ref wrong, Flewin right

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Luton1 Bournemouth 0

"COME on, Pele, pass to Puskas." It was an unkind crack by the man in front of me, but how it underlined the paucity of talent.

The lack of skill, basic technique and application was embarrassing, the tedium endless. One wondered not that Luton are so near the bottom of the table but that Bournemouth are so near the top.

The aimless kicking, clumsy tackling and general lack of enterprise would have made a schoolboy blush. The fact that the only goal came from a penalty (Salisbury, 74 minutes) merely emphasised the shoddy finishing of both forward lines.

Pacey, who had his name taken after what appeared to be an innocuous foul, was always working. Gater was also entered in referee Tinkler's notebook to maintain Bournemouth's rather unhappy record of troubles this season.

Bournemouth manager Flewin thought both entries were unnecessary. I agree with him.

LUTON.—Baynham ; Morton, Bramwell ; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds ; Fairchild, Salisbury, McKechnie, Weir, Jardine.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Best ; Farmer, Gledstone ; Standley, Gater, Bolton ; Bumstead, Woods, Reeves, Singer, Crickmore.