LUTON REACH ROCK BOTTOM

Luton 2, Barnsley 3

IF ever despair was apparent at a football ground it was at Luton last night after the team. members of the First Division only four years ago, had slumped to the bottom of the Third Division.

Nor does there seem much hope of them avoiding the ultimate drop to Division Four because they allowed moderate Barnsley to steal the points.

In the first half Barnsley, perhaps unhappy that they were without their leading scorer Leighton were content to hold on without conceding a goal. In this Barnsley were helped by some strong play by Winstanley and some incredibly inaccurate passing by the Luton forwards.

At half-time there had scarcely been a hint of a goal then three minutes after the resumption Kerr popped up for a simple goal.

Turner strikes

Luton hit back through Turner and O'Rourke in the 56th and 57th minutes and seemed set for victory. But they fell to pieces and Barnsley who were at least determined, equalised through Byrne 18 minutes from time.

That seemed too much for Luton, who lost all their fight, and Barnsley, who were never short of that commodity, snatched the winner three minutes from time through Byrne, who made a good deputy for the injured Leighton.

Luton: Baynham; Morton, McBain; Pacey, Fincham, Bramwell; Turner, Smith, O'Rourke,

Reid, Walden.

Barnsley: Williamson: Hopper, Brooks; Wood, Winstanley, Houghton; Sheavills, Kerr, Byrne, Cochran, O'Hara