

Luton are edged out

Bournemouth 3, Luton 1

BOURNEMOUTH picked up their seventh point in four games against Luton. But the result was in doubt until a minute from the end when they scored for the third time.

Bournemouth leader Coughlin made it eleven in eleven games when he netted after eight minutes, winger Crickmore's pin-point centre being headed in.

Two minutes later Best stood helpless as John Reid hammered the ball past him from twenty-five yards. Luton, looking unworried, should have gone ahead four minutes later.

Reid flashed the ball across the goal but the goal-hungry O'Rourke stabbed the ball over via the bar from three yards out.

Luton continued to harass a worried home defence. If their finishing had matched their skilful midfield manoeuvres they would have had the opposition in trouble.

O'Rourke proved a real handful for Gater and the lightning dashes of Reid only added to Bournemouth's problems.

It was against the run of play when Alan O'Neill scored his first goal for Bournemouth seven minutes before half time. The foundations for it were laid by ex-Luton player John Groves.

Until a minute from the end Luton always threatened to steal a point. But then Alan O'Neill side-stepped Luton defenders to hammer the ball in.