

Anxious Luton slip

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Bournemouth 3 Luton1

BOTH teams repeatedly spoilt attractive moves by passing to opponents. Bournemouth forwards made quite a habit of blazing the ball high over the bar when a tap could have brought a goal.

And Luton's biggest blunder came when left-half Lownds, after breaking through, trod on the ball and missed a great chance.

This happened seven minutes from the end and would have made the score 2—2.

But make allowances for the over-anxiousness of the players—Bournemouth to snatch the points that keep them in the promotion hunt; Luton to fight clear of the relegation threat.

Satisfaction

Reg Flewin, Bournemouth's manager, admitted his team had played better games and lost.

Obviously, they were all trying too hard to play good football. This could have explained the erratic form of newly-signed Alan O'Neill from Plymouth.

But the little inside left at least had the satisfaction of scoring two good goals, the first to make it 2—1 shortly before the interval, the second in the last minute.

Coughlin headed Bournemouth's first in the 10th minute. Reid, the best forward in the game, equalised within a minute with a drive from well outside the penalty area.

Bournemouth: Best; Farmer, Keith; Groves, Gater, Bolton; Bumstead, Woods, Coughlin, O'Neill, Crickmore.

Luton.—Baynham; McBain, Bramwell; Pacey, Caleb, Lownds; Walden, McKechnie, O'Rourke, Reid, Riddick.