

Luton rally

63/64 crushed

Bournemouth 3, Luton 1

BOURNEMOUTH hold on to their slender chance of promotion with this win, for which they owe much to inside-left Alan O'Neill, who signed for them about three weeks ago from Plymouth.

He scored two good goals, one to regain the lead and the second in the last minute of the game.

Taking the initiative soon after the start Bournemouth were given the lead by centre-forward Coughlin in the eighth minute but they only held on to it until opportunist John Reid let fly a stinging shot from 25 yards two minutes later to level the score..

Luton forwards, encouraged by this success, gave Bournemouth's close-knit defence—in which recent signing Dick Keith from Newcastle was the king-pin—several difficult moments, especially when O'Rourke missed a sitter after about 30 minutes play.

Then Groves, Bournemouth's stand-in for injured Standley at right-half, made the running for O'Neill to put the home side ahead again seven minutes before the interval, and the inside-left completed their tally with his last-minute goal.

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

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

Referee: K. H. Burns (Dudley).