

Luton's finishing lets them down

Hull City 2 Luton Town 0 : by ROY THOMAS

IT was some consolation for Hull City that a much-improved display should earn two welcome points against relegation threatened Luton, for the match was watched by the smallest crowd of the season—3,576 to be precise.

Luton showed clearly enough why they are in trouble. In centre forward O'Rourke and inside left Reid they had a couple of splendid ball-players, men well able to give or take the through pass into the open space.

But oh, dear, their finishing. O'Rourke, with all the chances he had, only once looked like scoring—when a lightning header shaved the far post. And Reid never once troubled the safe and reliable Maurice Swan.

I am still convinced that Chris Chilton is essentially a centre forward, but even in his experimental position at outside right he still contrived to be Hull's star.

His goal in the 35th minute was smartly taken, and though it struck Rafferty on its way into the

net there was no doubt who deserved the credit.

Ray Henderson scored the second in the 57th minute but it was little John McSeveney who made it possible.

McSeveney, who had been having a thin time on the wing, deserved a goal. Former England goalkeeper Ron Baynham could only thrust out a hand at his shot and knock the ball straight to the feet of Henderson.

Hull's defence had no real cause for anxiety so indifferent was the Luton finishing, but Andy Davidson and Dennis Butler were always on the spot.

Wing-halves Brian Garvey and Chris Simpkin were strong and purposeful and former inside-forward Simpkin appears to have found his true position.