

LUTON BATTER AWAY IN VAIN

Luton ... 0 Bournemouth ... 1

Struggling Luton had an equal share of the first-half play but, although some brilliant work was forthcoming from Riddick, inside-right, few openings were forced against Bournemouth's tight defence.

Bournemouth were unlucky when Coughlin's "goal" was disallowed early on, but were compensated six minutes after half-time when Crickmore put them ahead.

Gibson and O'Rourke went close for Luton, who, although they switched their attack, could still not break down the strong Bournemouth defence. In the closing stages, Bournemouth, with Gater keeping a firm grip on O'Rourke, seemed content to hold their slender lead.

Spurs' manager, Billy Nicholson, was present, but he must have regarded his evening out as a wasted one.