

LUTON WASTE CHANCES

Luton 3 Darlington ... 1

Although it does not look as if the contingency will arise, Luton will kick themselves if they have to rely on goal average for promotion. In this match, they missed a golden opportunity of improving their "goals for" column; Darlington offered so little resistance that it was almost shooting practice for the leaders.

When Rioch scored a brilliant solo goal after seven minutes, a goal-rush seemed likely, but things did not turn out that way. Despite constant pressure, Luton did not add to their lead until close on half-time, when Allen succeeded where others, notably Buxton, had failed badly.

MOORE SCORES

Own goal, too

It was not until four minutes from the end that Moore showed the way to his forwards by accepting an opening decisively. He also put through his own goal when a cross by Kirk struck him. That seemed the only feasible way in which the unimaginative Darlington side could score.

Not until six minutes from the end did Read have a direct shot to save, the measure of Luton's overwhelming superiority. The only cloud on the Luton horizon at the end was an ankle injury to Jardine, for whom McDerment substituted.

Luton.—Read; Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker, Sub: McDerment.

Darlington.—Moor; Chapman, Keeble, Davidson, Thompson, Jacques, O'Neil (J), O'Neill (L), Peverell, Sproates, Kirk.