



● Luton's Jack Bannister (left) wins a duel with Bournemouth's Jimmy White

Davie and luck save injury-hit Luton

Bournemouth 1 Luton 1: by SYDNEY SPICER

BOURNEMOUTH, struggling in the Third Division, gave a vastly improved display against the League leaders in this first round F.A. Cup tie. And they could well spring a surprise in Tuesday's replay at Kenilworth Road where they have already collected a draw this season.

With ordinary luck and sharper finishing, Bournemouth would have settled the affair yesterday. The Cup is not only a great leveller, it can prove an inspiration to a team having a lean time. So Bournemouth, on this lively showing, could be set for a revival.

Luton badly missed their usual centre half Chris Nicholl, who was out through injury. Graham French, their talented winger, had concussion after a collision early on and was replaced by substitute Fred Jardine after the interval. They must be hoping that Nicholl will be fit for the replay for their defence, badly at fault when Bournemouth scored, was jittery under pressure and too eagerly prised open.

Bournemouth struck in the 10th minute when right back Terry Gulliver caught the defence on the turn with a quick through ball to Ted McDougall who raced to the by-line and pulled the ball back in front of goal. Trevor Tartley moved in and though his first shot was blocked by goalkeeper Sandy Davies he followed up to ram the ball home.

More slackness in Luton's defence gave Bournemouth a chance to increase the lead. Gulliver again provided the thrust with a slanted pass to John Hold but the inside left failed through over eagerness. After rounding John Ryan he pushed the ball too far in front and Davie dashed from his goal and smothered the effort.

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Against the run of play Luton snatched an equaliser in first-half injury time. Industrious Keith Allen sent the dazed French through and with what was to be his last kick of the match the winger crossed a high ball. Inexperienced Baker, in only his third senior match, failed to cut out the cross and John Collins, by the far post, headed in.

In the 52nd minute Bournemouth had cruel luck when McDougall headed Gulliver's free kick down to Hold whose low shot rebounded off a post. Then Davie had to turn over the top a long shot by Gulliver and from the corner the ball flashed across goal, fractionally out of Hold's reach.

Luton had just about one clear chance in the second half and it was squandered by Collins. A cross by Jardine was deflected by a defender to the feet of Collins who from six yards scooped the ball inches over the bar.