

Ryans put the skids

under

Bolton

Luton 2 Bolton 0



CHRIS NICHOLL
... first goal

HALF AN HOUR of attacking football by Luton rocked Bolton back on their heels. It brought two goals, but afterwards Luton seemed content to coast.

It could have been costly as Bolton, out of touch at the start, had enough chances in the second half to have snatched a point.

It took Luton only nine minutes to grab the lead. Centre-half Chris Nicholl went upfield to head in a David Court corner.

Their second goal in the 22nd minute was a gem. Jimmy Ryan and John Ryan worked a neat overlap and the latter's pinpoint centre was headed home by Don Givens.

The stage was set for a Luton avalanche—but it didn't come.

Bolton had their chances. Good openings were missed by Gordon Taylor and John Byrom, while once Byrom was unlucky with a shot which hit a post with Luton goalkeeper Tony Read beaten.

Off target

Charlie Hurley had a header kicked off the line and it was more by good luck than anything else that Luton preserved their record of not having conceded a League goal at home this season.

It was not a profitable afternoon for Luton's goal ace Malcolm Macdonald, whose shooting was off target.

Don Givens was their most dangerous forward. In fact, the ex-Manchester United winger is fast developing into a menace.

Defensively Luton were adequate, with Nicholl and John Moore getting through a lot of work.

Byrom was Bolton's best forward, although there were times when Taylor's speed troubled John Ryan.

LUTON.—Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Hoy, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jimmy), Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens, Sub: Busby.

BOLTON.—Boswell, Ritson, Farrimond, Williams, Hurley, Hulme, Fletcher, Byrom, Manning, Phillips, Taylor, Sub: Rimmer.