

What a puzzler for Alec Stock

Luton 2, Bolton 0

By REG BALES

SLICK LUTON romped to their fifth successive home league win and have now gone six games without losing a goal at Kenilworth Road. But Byron nearly cracked that record with a neat shot which clipped the post.

Luton played like promotion kings in the first-half, then slackened, though still holding midfield control. Boss Alec Stock said later: "It's a puzzle—a good win, but we got careless, and nearly let Bolton through."

The home side should certainly have grabbed a hatful. Nichol scored from Court's corner—his first league goal this season—and Givens headed a brilliant second after a great overlap and cross by Ryan.

Macdonald and Givens, twice missed by inches, and Hoy hit the bar with a 25-yard drive, before Luton coasted home at half-speed.

Bolton crushed Luton 4-2 on the first day of the season, but this time they looked badly disjointed. Their defence was split easily at first but improved with Hurley and Hulme keeping a sharp check on the dangerous Macdonald.

Luton's blunders nearly let Bolton through, but Manning had a poor match against Nichol.

LUTON: Read 7; Ryan (J) 6; Nichol 7; Moore 6; Slough 6; Hoy 7; Court 6; Keen 7; Ryan (Jim) 6; Macdonald 7. *GIVENS 8.

BOLTON: Boswell 6; Ritson 6. *HURLEY 7; Hulme 6; Farrimond 5; Williams 6; Fletcher 5; Phillips 5; Byrom 6; Manning 5; Tayler 6.

Ref.: W. Gow (Swansea) 7.