



Tottenham goalscorer Chris Waddle bypassing McDonough

Luton day 'compleat'

By JOHN MOYNIHAN: Luton 3 Tottenham 1.

LUTON moved into third place in the First Division with a decisive, well-merited victory against their former manager David Pleat's team of talents on their greasy plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road.

Pleat, booed at half-time when he returned to the Spurs dug-out, had few complaints about the worthiness of Luton's victory schemed by players he did so much to encourage when he was in charge.

Particularly, there was the thrilling way in which Mick Harford, who was bought by Pleat from Birmingham for £270,000, took his goal in the sixth minute to send Luton on their way.

If Spurs had a hero, it was Clemence who from the first minute had to make a series of courageous saves, especially in the first-half when Luton were threatening to run wild.

There was no disputing the magical goal which gave Luton the lead. Again, Hill was in the action, crossing the ball immaculately from near the touchline, and Harford half volleyed it past Clemence from the edge of the box.

Spurs took quite a pasting after this, despite all

their talents, and Harford almost gave Luton a second goal with a harshly driven shot from an angle which bypassed Clemence's right upright.

It took Spurs 20 minutes to get in a worthwhile word. Waddle their major attacker on the afternoon, moved in for a shot but the ball was blocked. With hailstones pinging down, Clemence continued to be the Tottenham hero making vital saves.

Mitchell Thomas headed off his line in both halves, and as Luton's attacks increased, Gough was booked for tumbling Brian Stein.

With the storm abating, Luton carried their unrelenting persistence into the second half and Newell struck the ball from a good distance past Clemence's far upright.

Newell was soon rewarded for his endeavours, moving in from the left after a move between Hill and Stein to put Luton two ahead with a clinical shot in the 54th minute.

After the arrival of Ardiles, Spurs began to put things together. Waddle claimed a goal back after a solo run in the 62nd minute. Sealey came out to meet the challenge and obstructed the England striker, but Waddle kept his feet and went on to plant the ball into an empty net.

Sealey was booked for his strong barge on the scorer, and Luton for a time moved into a state of agitation. Spurs went forward for an equaliser, and Nicholas was booked for a nasty foul.

For a while Spurs were heavily in the game, but after Mitchell Thomas headed off the line from Harford, Hill made a marvellous run and cross which McDonough met on the far post to score.

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Grimes, Nicholas, North, Donaghy, Hill, Stein B., Newell, Harford, McDonough.

Tottenham: Clemence; Stevens, Thomas, Hodge (Ardiles 57), Gough, Mabbutt, Allen C., Allen P., Waddle, Hoddle, Claesen.

Referee: D. Elleray.