Pleat left in shadows

THE LIGHTS went out, quite literally, on David Pleat's return to White Hart Lane. Luton were leading 1-0 and heading for their first away win in the League since March when a floodlight failure in the main stand forced a 16-minute delay.

When the Tottenham players returned to the pitch they wasted little time in making their mark and three goals in the space of eight minutes was enough to hand Luton their latest defeat.

Further irony was offered by the fact that Tottenham's first and third goals were scored by substitute Houghton, once a Luton schoolboy and signed for Spurs by Mr Pleat.

Luton took the lead in the

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43rd minute through Harford following a woeful back-pass by Bergsson. Spurs equalised when, after Chamberlain had superbly saved his first shot, Houghton converted the rebound.

Within three minutes Spurs were ahead when Samways crossed from the left and the inevitable Lineker slid in for his 18th goal of the season.

Houghton appeared to mishit a 35-yard pass but it deceived Chamberlain by dipping inside the right post. With eight minutes left, Lineker scored Spurs' fourth.