

CHERRIES RESPOND IN STYLE

Luton 1 Bournemouth 4

BOURNEMOUTH won the battle of the League One administration sides thanks to a three-goal burst in the first half which set up a 4-1 win at Luton.

The Cherries, who went into administration the previous day, opened the scoring in the 13th minute when Sam Vokes ran in behind the home defence, rounded goalkeeper Dean Brill and slid home for his eighth of the season.

It was 2-0 a minute later as Alan Goodall completely missed Danny Hollands' long ball and Jo Kuffour touched the ball past the exposed Brill.

Luton briefly rallied as Dean Morgan and David Bell went close, but it was 3-0 a minute before the break after Max Gradel's superb 30-yard volley into the top corner.

Lewis Emanuel gave the Hatters hope when his 35-yarder slipped under Gareth Stewart in the 50th minute.

But Kuffour, who also hit the crossbar, rounded things off with his second seven minutes from time, converting from close-range after his first shot had come back off a post.

Bournemouth boss Kevin Bond urged his players not to let their spirits drop after entering administration.

He said: "In difficult times like this, first and foremost everybody needs to see the team give total commitment and to not feel sorry for themselves.

"That's what we did and we need to keep that going."

Mick Harford, still searching for his first win as Luton manager, said: "We're thoroughly disappointed. We never got out of the blocks and conceded some crazy, crazy goals."