

Hatters' win average award

A VIEW FROM THE STAND

By Ron Barnett

WHAT a nerve-teaser at Luton. Throughout the first half it looked like we were going to concede every time Luton attacked. Our midfield were out-thought, out-fought and out-paced by worthy promotion candidates.

Somehow we hung on and things greatly improved after the break. It was great to see Paul Read back – I had almost forgotten how good he is. However the back five, and keeper Martin Taylor, were the real stars, even if they rode their luck at times.

It was an exciting match that provided us with an unexpected but vital point. What a shame we had to watch it from a 'toilet' of a stand. The seats are designed for vertically challenged fans, ensuring that anyone over 5ft 6in had to sit with their knees tucked under their chin.

I hate to think what would happen if there was an emergency. Judging by how long it took us to escape after the match, I'm sure Dunkirk was evacuated quicker!

Talking of toilets, the Gents at Luton deserves a special mention in the season's Stench and Decay awards. How can clubs justify £12.50 for such delights?

Still, the draw puts us right back on track for our 53 points target. All we need now is eight points from our final five games.

A result sequence of W, D, W, L, D should be enough.

I notice the club are promoting a Murder Mystery evening at Adams Park.

In order to make the 'murder' more difficult to solve, I suggest they make Alan Smith the victim. This will ensure they have several hundred suspects – all with a motive!

HOW THEY STAND

	HOME					AWAY						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	40	15	5	0	35	7	6	5	9	23	29	73
Luton	40	12	5	3	35	13	7	7	6	30	28	69
Brentford	40	7	11	2	25	19	11	3	6	29	19	68
Stockport	38	11	5	3	25	12	7	7	5	26	24	66
Crewe	40	14	4	3	36	13	6	1	12	14	29	65
Burnley	41	13	2	6	41	23	5	7	8	22	21	63
Watford	40	9	7	4	20	12	6	11	3	19	16	63
Bristol C	41	11	4	5	36	16	6	6	9	23	31	61
Walsall	41	10	8	3	31	19	7	2	11	19	26	61
Millwall	42	12	3	6	27	20	4	9	8	23	30	60
Wrexham	40	9	8	3	31	25	5	9	6	14	18	59
Blackpool	40	10	6	3	35	19	4	8	9	15	22	56
Chesterfd	39	8	9	3	23	17	6	5	8	13	17	56
Gillingham	40	10	3	6	30	22	5	6	10	19	32	54
Brn'mouth	42	7	8	6	20	17	7	4	10	18	24	54
Bristol R	42	12	4	5	32	20	2	7	12	11	24	53
Preston	42	12	5	4	30	19	3	2	16	14	34	52
Plymouth	41	6	10	5	17	18	5	6	9	26	35	49
York	41	8	5	8	26	27	4	7	9	17	31	48
Shrewsby	42	8	6	7	27	29	3	7	11	22	38	46
Wycombe	41	11	3	6	23	13	1	6	14	17	39	45
Peterboro	42	6	7	8	36	33	3	7	11	16	38	41
Rotherhm	42	4	7	10	17	26	2	6	13	17	37	31
Notts Co	41	3	8	9	16	21	3	5	13	13	32	31