

LUTON SLIP INTO DEEPER TROUBLE

HAT-TRICK BY HOOPER

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The escape door at the bottom of the Second Division closed a few more inches on Luton Town last night. The man who pushed it was outside-left Peter Hooper, scorer of all three Cardiff goals.

His first hat-trick of the season was built with shots in the first and 21st minutes and completed in the first minute of the second half. With a total of 23 goals for the season he is that rarity in modern soccer, a wing forward who tops his club's list of marksmen.

Hooper's first two efforts were almost identical; low, angled and left foot just inside the far post. Baynham stood no chance with the first but was clearly at fault with the second.

Five minutes before half-time Davies put Luton back in the picture with a perfect header from a centre by newcomer Brennan, but immediately after the interval a mistake by Morton let in Hooper for his third goal.

Despite having Turner injured and on the left wing all the second half, Luton again fought back and when McKechnie was brought down, Daniel flashed home the penalty kick.