

They're up—but Luton wait for the champagne

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West Bromwich Albion 1, Luton 1

LUTON, a Fourth Division side until six years ago, toasted their return to the First with bottles of light ale, but the champagne is on ice ready for the real celebration on Wednesday.

There were emotional scenes at the end as the Luton fans chaired Peter Anderson and Barry Butlin off the pitch and skipper Bobby Thomson rushed to embrace manager Harry Haslam.

But Luton's real hero was centre-half John Faulkner, concussed after a collision, who stayed for the final half hour because substitute Gordon Hindson had replaced John Aston at the interval.

Faulkner explained: "I didn't know what

was happening, but I knew I had to stay

Luton were furious about the penalty equaliser that put them under pressure in the final quarter-hour. Albion's Willie Johnston had appeared to run straight at Faulkner then collapsed.

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Referee Kevin McNally, who booked two players from each side, awarded the penalty and Tony Brown scored from the spot.

But Luton, the more fluent and enthusiastic side, had been in command since the fifth minute when Butlin caught Peter Latchford off his line and headed home from the edge of the area.