

HATTERS POWER PLAY TRIUMPHS

Promotion bid boosted

LUTON 3 CARLISLE 0 By ROGER DUCKWORTH

ANOTHER commanding performance kept Luton's promotion hopes vibrant at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. They were worthy winners and could have had two or three more goals had their shooting matched their enthusiasm.

But in the end they settled for two superb goals from Jimmy Husband and another from Andy King. Had Ronnie Futchter had any sort of luck at all, he too would have collected a couple to add to his season's total.

Unfortunately for the Luton centre-forward, he committed a glaring miss in the seventh minute and never really got over it in spite of playing some marvellous football which warmed the Luton crowd to his wholehearted performance.

In the first half the Carlisle defence looked ever so ragged but Luton could only manage one goal before the break. In the second half Carlisle who, to give them their credit, never stopped fighting, had a couple of misses themselves. Martin hit a post and full-back Gorman failed to net from close in.

But this was Luton's day and their performance deserved a far better attendance than the 8,000-odd who bothered to turn up.

LUTON: Husband (12 min), King (59), Husband (82). Attendance: 8,856.



Ron Futchter climbs high above the Carlisle defence