

Luton show that Division I touch

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Luton Town ... 5

Carlisle Utd ... 0

LUTON could do worse than move lock-stock-and-skip to London where, Chelsea apart, there is currently all-consuming gloom. Only 11,735 saw them collect their 23rd point from their last 12 games and demonstrate that promotion is not merely one of Harry Haslam's little jokes.

The normally genial manager was far from happy, despite a resounding victory which consigned Carlisle to more serious relegation trouble. He says the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire wants the club to move because of trouble wrought by visiting supporters.

"He hasn't told us where to go or how we can raise £2 million for another ground," added Mr Haslam. "All he has done is to deter supporters at a time when we need a full house roaring us home."

If there were any visitors from Carlisle on Saturday, they were too dispirited to cause any bother. Apart from a glowing, impressive performance by Ian Bailey, a young full-back on loan from Middlesbrough, they could never match Luton.

Keeper stranded

The defence was so overwhelmed that Ross had frequently to race from his penalty area to boot the ball into touch. Luton, with spirit and variety, looked a good side and they appear capable of reaching the First Division and staying there.

Luton's first goal came in the 20th minute when Price sent over

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a long centre which utterly confused Carlisle's defence. Fuccillo was left with the simple task of slipping the ball past Ross.

The goalkeeper was left stranded again when Husband's adroit through ball found Ron Futchner, who beat Ross as he came out. The third goal came when Husband shot beautifully on the turn from Ron Futchner's header.

In the 76th minute Aston made to take a corner but Chambers, almost elbowing away his colleague, passed to West who drove in from 25 yards.

Paul Futchner missed a penalty, although playing superbly at the back and making nonsense of his failure to make the England squad.

A minute from time Aston scored the fifth Luton goal from a difficult angle.

Luton. — Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Futchner P., Husband, West, Futchner R., Fuccillo, Aston.

Carlisle. — Ross; Carr, Bailey, Martin, Macdonald, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman (O'Neill, 71 min.), Tait, Rafferty, McCartney