

WEST HAM

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WEST HAM survived a dreadful first half then crushed Luton, unbeaten for five games, with four stunning goals that took them to third place in the Second Division.

Luton missed first-half chances when Hatton hit the bar with a header from a corner and Parkes grabbed Aizlewood's shot at the second attempt.

Hatton then tried to run the ball round Parkes but West Ham's £500,000 new goalkeeper saved at his feet.

West Ham took the initiative in the second half. Devonshire put them in front after 60 minutes and a minute later Cross converted Brooking's centre.

Taylor gave Luton hope with a 71st minute goal. But West Ham remained in command and two goals in the last two minutes from Cross and Robson settled everything.

Luton.—Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, West, Turner, Price, Silkman, Carr, Taylor, Hatton, Hill.

West Ham. — Parkes; McDowell, Brush, Curbishly, Martin, Bonds, Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.