

Moss turns on magic

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TWO goals by David Moss—one from the penalty spot—and a third from Steve White, all in the second half, wrecked promotion minded Wednesday who had withstood some hit-and-hope Luton pressure during a scrappy first half.

But Moss's spot-kick opened the floodgates and the Wednesday defence which, in the first half, had looked like a fortress, suddenly disintegrated.

Wednesday's defence — overworked throughout — were unable to get the support of their midfield and seemed constantly under siege although, fortunately for them, most of Luton's efforts in the



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first half were high, wide and certainly not very handsome.

But what a turnabout in the second half. The match came to life with that 52nd minute penalty when Mark Smith brought down Ricky Hill. Moss coolly converted it for his fourth successful spot kick out of five attempts this season.

After that, Luton dictated the play as Wednesday's defence found itself stretched it seemed only a matter of time before Luton would go further ahead.

They did — in the 69th minute. Tony Grealish, always striving, always prompting,

sent a through-ball to Brian Stein who cleverly left it for the unmarked Moss and the winger sent a delicate chip high over Wednesday's advancing 'keeper Bob Bolder into the net.

Wednesday were really on the rack now as Luton finally got their game together and in the 80th minute, Kirk Stephens passed to Moss whose cross was flicked over Bolder into the net by Steve White.

Ray Blackhall had master-minded Wednesday's early forays into the Luton half at the start of the match, overlapping cleverly.

But much of Wednesday's approach work was far too hurried and it was Luton who found themselves with the best chances in a scrappy first period.

Luton's manager David Pleat said afterwards: "Sometimes we think we're country cousins and it is nice to take one of the big boys down occasionally. I thought we played very well once we realised we had to compete for the ball."

LUTON.—Judge: Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss. Sub: Antic.

Sheffield Wed.—Bolder: Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch, Curran. Sub: Mirocevic.