

Moss mauls Watford

CLASSY Luton leapfrogged over promotion rivals and neighbours Watford into second place in the Second Division.

Those positions had been reversed in the week when **WATFORD** won 1—0 at **WREXHAM** and **LUTON** crashed to a shock 3—2 defeat at home to **CARDIFF**.

Watford, 1—0 losers in their last four games against Luton, were hopeful of gaining a win on the strength of those mid-week results.

But their ambitions were shattered by an eight-minute spell towards the end of the

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first half when Luton hammered in three goals.

The opening goals, scored in the 34th and 38th minutes were David Moss penalties.

The first came when Moss himself was brought down by Gerry Armstrong, and the second followed a foul by Ian Bolton on Brian Stein.

Then, in the 42nd minute, a finely judged pass from the talented Ricky Hill left Stein in the clear and he beat Watford 'keeper Steve Sherwood with a low shot.

Sherwood must have felt aggrieved. Up to the goal

burst he had played brilliantly, making wonderful saves from Hill, Brian Horton, and Lil Fuccillo.

Luton manager David Pleat said: "In the first half Watford caught the backlash for the Cardiff defeat. We played nice, flowing football and would have given anybody a good game."



The pace slackened in the second half but not before Stein grabbed his second goal, heading home a Moss centre in the 52nd minute.

Watford pulled back a goal with an amazing free kick after 66 minutes. As Luton lined up their wall on the edge of the penalty area, Watford lined up their own wall ten yards away in front of the ball.

As Bolton stepped up to take the kick, the Watford wall broke and Bolton's shot was deflected off Horton past an obviously confused Jake Findlay in the Luton goal.