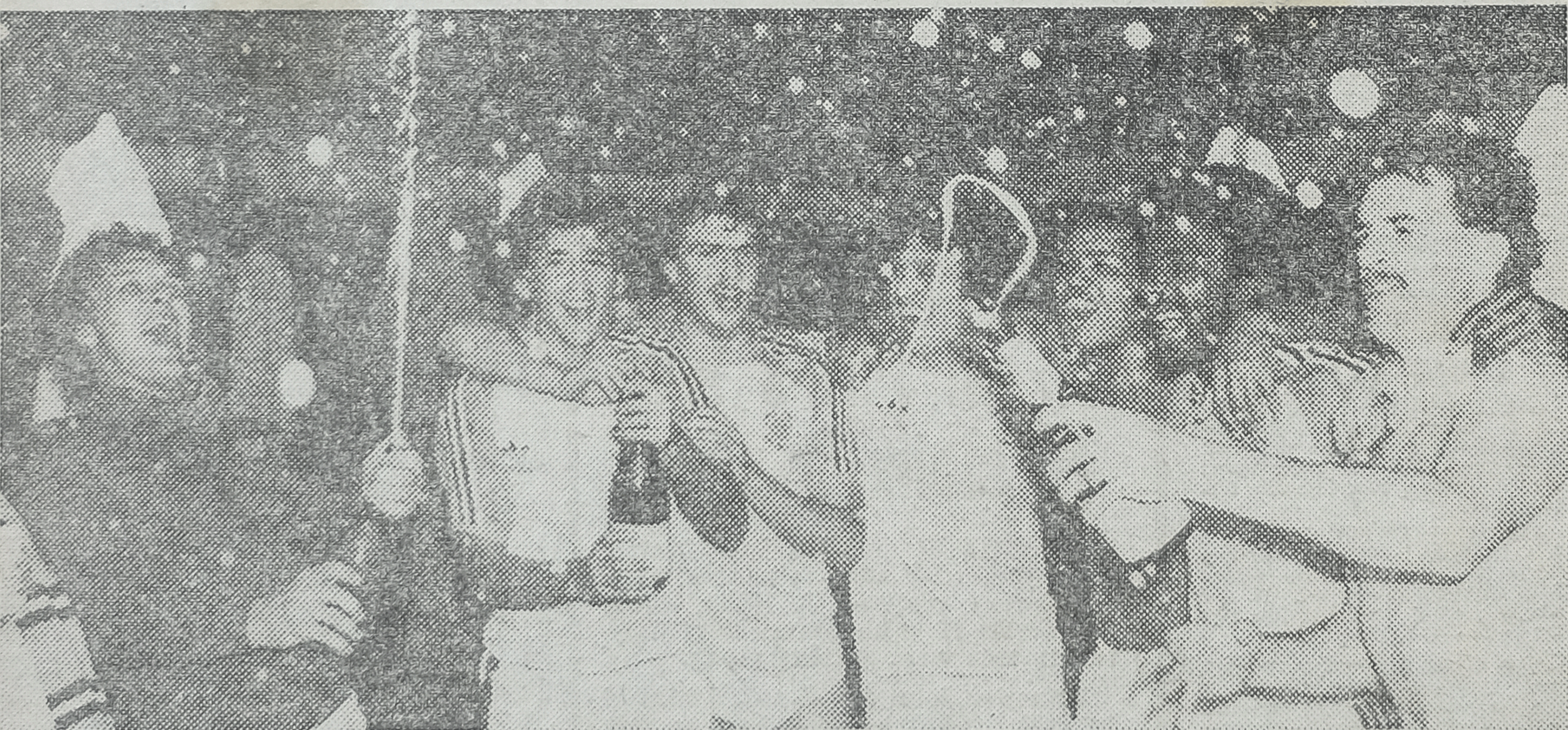


LUTON FIZZ BACK!



Bubbly all round as Luton celebrate promotion to the First Division.

Picture: PETER CASE

IT was knees-up time at Kenilworth Road last night as Luton produced a devastating finish to go surging back to the First Division.

The toast was Ricky Hill, Steve White and David Moss, who set the

By JACK STEGGLES: Luton 4, Shrewsbury 1

party going with a swing—after it had threatened to turn into a wake.

As delirious fans danced on the pitch and roared their acclaim, while their heroes took a bow from the directors' box, they forgot all about the previous 78 nightmare minutes.

Tense

Luton, tight and tense, were way below their best—as though they had frozen at the prospect of the prize there to be taken.

But it all came right in the end and Luton celebrated deep into the night a return to the First Division they left in 1975.

It seemed little more than a formality when Brian Stein put Luton ahead in the 14th minute, cutting off a back-header from Colin Griffin and hooking the ball over 'keeper Bob Wardle.

But Luton failed to ram home their advantage and were jolted when Shrewsbury equalised with their first real attack of the match, on the hour.

A deep cross from

David Tong dropped behind the Luton defence and Ian Atkins put it away with a stunning volley.

There seemed no way then that Luton could pick up the pace and get the three points that would make promotion certain.

Fear

But they did, and Luton manager David Pleat said afterwards: "Thankfully, the breaks came at the right time."

Skipper Brian Horton said: "We're up—and we're going to stay up. We've got absolutely no need to fear the First Division."

TOP POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	38	22	12	4	77	40	78
Watford	38	21	10	7	68	37	73
Shoff. Wed.	38	19	8	11	50	45	65
Leicester	36	17	11	8	51	36	62
Norwich	38	19	5	14	55	46	62
Barnsley	38	17	9	12	53	37	60
Q.P.R.	37	18	6	13	50	35	60
Rotherham	38	18	6	14	56	47	60

corks popping with three goals in the last 12 crazy minutes.

That really got the