



● **SUPER-GOAL:** Raddy Antic is part-hidden on the extreme right as he lashes in the goal that kept Luton up and relegated Manchester City. Goalkeeper Alex Williams is on the extreme left, but the others in view are all Hatters players, defenders Paul Elliott and Kirk Stephens, attacker Trevor Aylott and midfielder Mal Donaghy.

The things they said...

"THE MANAGER told me to go on and score, so I did. I think it was the best goal I have ever scored."

— RADDY ANTIC

"LUTON never stop coming at you, do they? We didn't defend deliberately. We didn't have much choice."—Paul Power, Manchester City captain.

"THE lads deserve it. I'm more pleased for them than for myself because they deserve a future in the First Division."—Skipper Brian Horton.

"I JUST feel like crying."—City defender Tommy Caton.

"I KNEW we were going to win when I was taken off!"—Wayne Turner.

"WE WANT our backsides kicking."—John Benson, City manager.

"I LOVE Luton but I wanted City to win. I'll probably get the sack now."—John Ryan, City youth coach, and Town full-back and skipper the last time they built a promotion side.

"WE'VE STILL got a lot of work to do next season. We'll always be one of those eight or nine little clubs who have to battle to survive in the First Division."—David Pleat.

"I'M HAPPY for Luton and sick for City. But Luton deserved to win on the day." — Manchester-born Harry Haslam, manager of the Town last time they were in the First Division.

"GOING DOWN, going down, going down..."—City fans to the Luton following until the 85th minute.

"GOING DOWN, going down, going down..."—Luton fans for the last five minutes.

"I'M NOT a religious man, but perhaps someone up there decided that justice should be done. I'm just happy for the team, for the club, and for the town itself—I think of myself as a Lutonian now."

—DAVID PLEAT.

THE third double of the season clinched safety, and evened up the year's doubles count. Birmingham and Brighton were the other teams beaten twice, but three did the double over the Town—Coventry, Everton and Norwich.

The Town took four points off Notts County and three each from Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest, Swansea, Watford and West Ham.

Two points were taken from Southampton, Stoke and Spurs and one point from Arsenal, Ipswich, Liverpool, Manchester United, Sunderland and West Brom.

The best win was 5-0 at home to Brighton in

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September and the worst defeat was by the same score at Everton three months later.

The longest unbeaten run was from September 9 to October 16, with three wins, including one in the Milk Cup and five draws. The best league run started with the home win over Aston Villa in April, with three wins and three draws before the home hammering by Everton.

The worst run was four consecutive defeats ending with the Easter failure at Watford.



● **GOOD NEWS:** Raddy Antic phones his wife to tell her about "the best goal I have ever scored."



● **ESCAPE:** City goalkeeper Alex Williams falls and Paul Walsh's 61st-minute shot hits his body instead of the net.

Top scorer keeps crown

BRIAN STEIN, pictured right, is the Town's leading scorer for the third consecutive season, despite missing half the campaign through injury. His total was 15 (including a penalty) in the First Division, plus a penalty goal in the Milk Cup against Charlton.

Paul Walsh hit 13 league goals plus one in the FA Cup.

David Moss scored nine league goals, one a penalty, plus one in the Milk Cup, and Ricky Hill also scored a total of ten, one of which was in the FA Cup.

The Town benefited from four own goals in the league, two scored by Spurs in separate games, and two at Brighton.

Other goal statistics: Brian Horton 4 (2 pens) plus 1 pen in the FA Cup; Mal Donaghy 3; Clive Goodyear, Trevor Aylott and Raddy Antic 2 each; Wayne Turner and Paul Elliott 1 each.

Lil Fucillo and Billy Kellock, since transferred, both scored two Milk Cup goals, and Frank Bunn one.

