

LUTON GLAD THAT ALL WAS QUIET

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THE feared protest at Luton Town's proposed move to Milton Keynes failed to materialise before their home victory over Sunderland on Saturday—much to the relief of their manager, David Pleat, writes **Colin Gibson**.

Luton indeed seemed to have less need for the security guard they employed to watch the ground on Friday evening than Sunderland's defence which collapsed at Kenilworth Road.

The guard was called in to prevent any vandalism of the pitch or stands by Luton fans angered by the plans to move 30 miles away but there was no incidents before or during the game.

Mr Pleat, who had called for the supporters not to disrupt the game, was delighted with the fans' behaviour and the performance of his team.

Praise for Moss

He singled out David Moss, the winger who almost left the club in the summer. "On his day he is one of the best crossers of a ball in the League and two of his centres led to goals," said Mr Pleat.

Luton's fine start is in direct contrast to last season's struggle against relegation. Although they had scored seven goals in the first three matches last season, picking up four points, the major difference has been in defence.

Last season they had conceded seven goals by this time but now they are five better off and have picked up six points.