

Saturday 1st September 1984

West Bromwich Albion

v

Luton Town

Score 4-0

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When the Town party arrived at the Hawthorns they were met by the former Town players Tony Grealish and goalkeeper Tony Godden who had a loan spell at Luton the season before last.

Two minutes after the start the Town could have gone ahead when from an Ashley Grimes free-kick Brian Stein headed on and Frank Bunn just failed to connect at the far post. That was the Town's only worthwhile effort of the first-half as West Brom dominated the game from then on. Albion full-back Clive Whitehead turned raider and on three occasions set up Albion goals in a power-packed display.

Steve Hunt scored the first after 24 minutes with a header from a corner and England centre-forward Cyrille Regis got the second goal after 42 minutes.

The Town's defensive cover was pulled apart as a Whitehead inspired Albion piled on the second-half pressure. Nicky Cross substituting for the injured Regis hit the crossbar within 10 seconds of the re-start and was on hand to knock in number three after 66 minutes. Gary Thompson made it four shortly afterwards but the score could have been more but for the performance of Andy Dibble in the Town's goal.

After Albion's fourth goal the Town came back strongly and at times looked capable of pulling something back. Nwajobi was brought on to replace Tim Breacker and played the 4-2-4 formation that was successful at Ipswich, but apart from a couple of efforts from Brian Stein little was seen of Town's attack.

For West Brom it was one of those days where everything went right and in full-back Clive Whitehead they had the Man of the Match.

After match quote from Albion manager Johnny Giles said 'The fans want to see attacking football and that is what was provided.'

TEAMS:

West Bromwich Albion: Godden, Whitehead, Statham, Hunt, Bennett, Robertson, Grealish, Thompson, Regis, Mackenzie, Morley. **Sub:** Cross.

Luton Town: Dibble, Thomas, Grimes, Breacker, S. North, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Elliott, Bunn, Moss. **Sub:** Nwajobi.

Attendance: 11,720.

Emeka in possession at West Brom.

