



NUMBER ONE: David Preece signals his First Division debut goal as Nigel Spink is left on hands and knees to see the winner hit the net.



● **SHOOTING STAR:** David Preece threads his shot between two defenders to put the Town ahead. Brian Stein, who provided the pass, is in the background.

Match Details

LUTON TOWN 1 ASTON VILLA 0
HALF-TIME: 1-0 84/85

TOWN: Sealey; Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Turner; Hill, Parker, Preece; Stein, Bunn, Moss. Sub: Nwajiobi, not needed.

VILLA: Spink; Williams, Evans, Ormsby, Gibson; McMahon (Dorigo, 53 mins), Curbishley, Cowans; Rideout, Withe, Walters.

THE GOAL: David Preece, on his First Division debut, mishit shot from edge of the box from right-wing run and cross by Brian Stein.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town saved six and eight wide; Villa four saved and four wide. Corners: 14-9 to the Town, after 7-0 to the Town in the first half.

ATTENDANCE: 7,696, lowest of the day in the First Division, with even Stoke at the bottom attracting more to see their tenth consecutive league defeat. Villa's visit last season attracted 12,747 to Kenilworth Road, and it was 10,924 the season before that.

REFEREE: Ray Lewis, Great Bookham, Surrey—showed good humour and evident enjoyment of the job throughout, but was firm as well, booking Gary Williams and David Moss in the first half for getting into a tangle with each other, and Brendan Ormsby in the second for a foul on Frank Bunn.

ENTERTAINMENT: Gripping stuff when Villa played a more enterprising game in the second half, with the Town worthy winners on the day and denied a more clear-cut victory by goalkeeper Nigel Spink.