

HATTERS!

Roberts spoils the party

IRON MAN Graham Roberts salvaged a point for high-flying Spurs as the game exploded in a mad last 15 minutes

The Hatters had outplayed Tottenham for 75 minutes, with £165,000 Peter Nicholas urging them on like a fiery Welsh dragon.

Nicholas, who arrived last Monday, was sold for more than he was worth according to Palace chairman Ron Noades. On this performance, he would

have been cheap at twice the price.

With man mountain skipper Steve Foster putting the block on Garth Crooks and Mark Falco for most of the match, Luton looked certain to clinch the win that would have eased their relegation problems. Brian Stein grabbed the first goal just after half time with Emeka Nwajobi creating the chance on the right.

Tottenham took a long time to get their act together.

It was the 59th minute before a Crooks header

gave Les Sealey his first save.

Luton had made and missed so many chances that a 1-0 victory looked certain.

But Mark Falco, the big striker you can never dismiss, helped himself to his 21st goal of the season in the 84th minute—and we were ready to settle for a 1-1 draw.

In stepped Nwajobi to restore Luton's lead three minutes from the end. Even David Pleat must have felt he had finally beaten his Tottenham hoodoo.

Luton 2, Spurs 2

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It was not to be. Spurs, who had only really looked like a championship side in the final 15 minutes, went charging on. A minute from time, a long throw by Gary Mabbutt caused consternation in the Luton penalty box.

In strode Roberts to grab the goal.

Spurs boss Peter Shreeves said: "We got a point that we didn't really deserve."

Man of the match: Peter Nicholas (Luton).

LUTON—Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece. Sub: Daniel.

SPURS—Clemence; Stevenson, Hughton, Roberts, Mabbutt, Perryman, Chidozie, Falco, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks. Sub: Hazzard.



NICHOLAS