

Harford is the man to lift Luton

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West Ham 0, Luton 1

LUTON have put in the gum-shields, rolled up their sleeves and decided to fight it out for the next nine months.

No longer are David Pleat's side the soft touch of the First Division. In fact, if you are looking for a good outsider put a few bob each-way on this new-look Luton.

Mick Harford, Peter Nicholas, Steve Foster and the fit-again Paul Elliott are in no mood for another season of relegation blues.

Match - winner Harford, who battered the Hammers into submission, said: "A lot of players in this team haven't won a thing and we feel there is a real chance this season.

"There is a new determination in the dressing-room. We knew when we were escaping last season that if we stuck together we could have a good season."

While West Ham produce performances like this they won't attract back the missing fans.

MoM: Harford (Luton —8). So determined.



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