

Sorry Luton

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VILLA leap-frogged up the table after gaining their first win of the season against unbeaten Luton. They gave David Pleat's men a first-half battering, and Luton went home down the M1 licking their wounds.

Injury-hit Villa fielded a bunch of youngsters—their average age was only 20. They ran rings round their more experienced opponents, with Mark Walters and Tony Daley their glittering stars.

Steve Hodge, Villa's £400,000 signing from Nottingham Forest, was not far behind with his first goal for his new club. Walters and David Norton got the other two and Brian Stein pulled one back for the opposition.

The sad fact was an atten-

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dance of only 10,524—the lowest league gate since 1966.

Villa went one up after three minutes.

With 'keeper Andrew Dibble stranded Walters stabbed the ball towards an empty net as Peter Nicholas raced back to save a nasty situation by conceding a corner.

Hodge took the flag kick. Dean Glover back-headed and there was Walters with a spectacular overhead kick to score his third goal of the season.

Young Daley created havoc in the visiting back line with his clever weaving in and out and in the 17th minute he powered through to feed Hodge whose cross shot was deflected into the net.

After 36 minutes Villa increased their advantage when Walters crossed from the left and Norton tucked the ball home for his first goal.

Just before half time Stein let fly and Spinks made a five-star save.