

# STAGE FRIGHT

LUTON manager David Pleat was far from despondent after seeing his side sunk by two goals from his former striker Paul Walsh.

Walsh's double punctured Luton's euphoric balloon following last week's 7-0 thrashing off Southampton but Pleat said: "I think we suffered a bit of stage fright. After all, Anfield is an intimidating place."

"When Walsh popped in those two goals I could see us losing by five or six but we really got back into the game and morale is good."

Walsh, who cost £750,000 18 months ago, played only because of injury to Ian Rush and he is on the transfer list as he feels he should be given a regular place.

His double blast brought his total to four goals in five full outings and could lead to him

Liverpool 3 Luton 2: by PETER WELBOURN

staying at Anfield. Player-manager Kenny Dalglish said: "I would be more than happy if Paul asked to be taken off the list."

Luton's recovery was so good that they came within a whisker of wrecking Liverpool's 100 per cent home record.

In one amazing goalmouth incident Brian Stein and Steve Foster both struck the bar.

Liverpool were not helped by the eccentricities of Bruce Grobbelaar.

With his side two goals in front—both scored by Walsh—he dropped the ball following a corner and Steve Foster pounced to reduce the arrears in the first minute of the second half.

Jan Molby then sent a free kick curling round the defensive wall to make it 3-1 after 65 minutes but again Luton hit back.

Harford sent a 25-yard shot

in off the post with Grobbelaar scrambling and Liverpool had to soak up the pressure for the last quarter of an hour.

Liverpool had started like a hurricane, but it took them half an hour to beat a capable Luton defence.

A classical passing move involving Kenny Dalglish, Jim Beglin and Steve McMahon ended with Walsh shooting hard and low through Les Sealey's legs from six yards.

Four minutes later Molby fed Dalglish who in turn put the ball in Craig Johnston's path. From his flick Walsh fired a crisp drive past Sealey.



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● SEEING DOUBLE: Ricky Hill and Mark Lawrenson match strides at Anfield.