

Luton strike force is sizzling

ALBION'S generous defenders gave Luton the freedom of the Hawthorns and three valuable points. Mick Harford and Brian Stein showed why Luton manager David Pleat is supporting their England claims with non-stop displays of attacking aggression.

Luton took the lead after four minutes when Stacey North nodded into an empty net after Mitchell Thomas's poorly struck drive had been cheekily flicked on to the cross bar by Stein.

Imre Varadi's flying header gave Albion an equaliser in the 32nd minute but a mistake by Jimmy Nicholl

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allowed Mick Harford to blast Luton back in front with a 30-yard shot on the stroke of half-time.

Luton carried the fight to Albion and Tony Godden kept the Midlanders in the game with amazing point-blank saves from a succession of shots with Luton's striker queueing up for a chance to get on the scoresheet.

With Foster marshalling Luton's back line well, Albion's strikers had few clear chances. Only midfield man Steve Hunt, who was also booked for a late tackle on Stein, showed the class to disturb Luton's command.