

ACTION-PACKED VICTORY

LIVELY Luton Town were worthy winners of an entertaining Boxing Day game against lowly West Bromwich Albion.

Mick Harford clinched the game for the Hatters just before half time when his 30-yard right foot shot beat the despairing dive of Albion keeper Tony Godden.

He had taken advantage of the generosity of the Baggies' Northern Ireland international Jimmy Nicholl when he allowed the ball, caught in the swirling

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wind, to go behind him.

It seemed the players had all caught the Christmas spirit, and attacked with vigour, producing an action-packed match.

Luton took the lead in four minutes with their first serious touch, when Mark North nodded in a simple rebound after Mitchell Thomas's shot had deflected off Brian Stein's heel and onto the bar.

In the 21st minute Godden was forced to produce a magnificent save to keep out a well-struck

volley from Harford.

But the Midlands side hit back in the 34th minute when Imre Varadi scored with a powerful header from a Mickey Thomas cross.

Luton's more skilful approach always looked more likely to bring a result rather than Albion's aerial bombardment, although Harford failed to convert several second-half chances.

However, Luton's defence, well marshalled by the sturdy Foster, coped with everything that was thrown at it.



● Mick Harford's goal just before half time sealed an entertaining Boxing Day victory.