

Luton Town	2
Aston Villa	0

"IT'S TOO early to talk of Europe," said cautious Luton manager, David Pleat. "After only 10 minutes I felt we would win this game, but I like to win in the best style.

"I think we did some untidy things and might have given away a couple of goals. Faybe I set too high a standard. . ."

LUTON have one of the best looking teams in the First Division, even much-praised left back Thomas's distribution wouldn't have got him an England autograph, let alone a cap.

Debutant

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Most of the Luton support went to home debutant Newell, £80,000 striker from Wigan.

He got the first half goal, helped in the second by Stein in the last quarter-hour, and had another near effort well saved by Sprinks.

But there were also more than ripples of audience acclaim for Luton's "snooker table" football on their artificial turf.

Grimes, out of the team since August, was usually in the thick of it all, as the key man in an unusual 4-3-3 home formation.

Villa, for all their share of the general Midlands football misery, still played 4-2-4 away, which is maybe one reason why manager Turner had his players behind a locked dressing room door for over an hour.