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MICK HARFORD is not offended by Don Howe's "bludgeoning" jibe at Luton's attacking style. He considers it a compliment.

Harford, who terrorised the Arsenal defence, wanted to bludgeon and bulldoze himself into England boss Bobby Robson's reckoning for Mexico.

And he will have Arsenal worried as they face the third fearsome battle in little over two weeks with the new, tough-looking Luton in tomorrow's FA Cup Fifth round replay.

With Kerry Dixon and Mark Hateley doubtful for next week's warm-up game in Israel, Robson's list of big centre forwards is getting short. He could do worse than test Harford in Tel Aviv.

Luton manager David Pleat complained of Arsenal's over-physical approach in the recent League game at Highbury.

Tough

Now it was the turn of Arsenal boss Howe to register his "surprise" that Luton should resort to tough attacking tactics.

Harford, fast becoming the most frightening striker in the First Division, says: "I enjoy a fight and a scrap. That's the way I always play. It's great."

"You'll never get a complaint from me about tackles or anything like that."

"That's what it was like at Highbury two weeks ago, and it will be the same in the replay".

Harford was booked for the third time this season against Arsenal for a foul on goalkeeper John Lukic, but sheer brute force enabled him to score an impressive equaliser.

Unlucky

He said: "I was unlucky to be booked. I just challenged for the ball. It seems you can't challenge goalkeepers for the ball these days".

Luton looked like avenging their 2-1 Highbury defeat with Ricky Hill opening the scoring and dominating the game, despite Ian Allinson equalising and David Rocastle heading Arsenal into the lead after a delightful recovery and chip from Tony Woodcock.

But Luton have high hopes in the replay. Harford said: "At home we feel we're better than anyone in the country and that feeling is spreading to away games as well. There's no reason we can't beat them."

Mighty Mick still fighting

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ANGRY:
Harford clashes
with No 6
Martin Keown

ATTACKING:
Luton striker
Mick Harford
collides with
Arsenal's
Kenny Sansom

