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LUTON manager David Pleat reckons Mick Harford's goals will earn him a place in the sun — wearing an England shirt in Mexico.

"I believe he will be England's centre forward in the World Cup. It's good for him that Bobby Robson is trying other players first who will prove not to be good enough.

"Eventually England will have to turn to Mick and the South Americans still have a healthy fear of the big traditional English centre forward."

Luton don't have many fans but those they've got must be the most dedicated in the country.

They are also a bit loopy. A team of mad Hatters turned up at dawn to clear 130 tons of snow off the pitch to

make this game possible.

Another 10,000 came back—a good crowd for Luton—for a second dose of frostbite.

Luton buzz around in all weather conditions and they should have won this comfortably. But Harford's classic header was all they had to show for their football.

He popped up at the far post to head Preece's corner low into the net for his 18th goal of the season.

Wednesday manager Howard Wilkinson sat in the stands looking miserable and making regular notes. But he couldn't have found his team much to write home about on this display.

Flair

Referee Axcell also made a note of two Wednesday players—booking central defenders Shirtcliff and Hart.

The pair did a good job

on Harford and Newell but Axcell booked them for a couple of over enthusiastic tackles.

Wednesday's problem was finding players with the same flair at the other end. Only Snodin looked to possess the inspiration to get his side back in the match.

His curling left foot kick was too much for Sealey to hold but Foster kicked for touch to save Luton.

Chapman and Chamberlain could have made a difference to Wednesday up front. But though fit they watched the match from the stands.

Visiting keeper Hodge was knocked unconscious at Derby in midweek.

But Luton striker Newell will testify to his health after watching Hodge make two splendid saves from him.

LUTON: Sealey 6, Johnson 6, Foster 7, Donaghy 7, Thomas 6, North 6, Hill 7, *NICHOLAS 8, Preece 7, Harford 7, Newell 6.

SHEFF WED: Hodge 7, Morris 6, *SHIRTCLIFF 8, Hart 7, Smith 6, Marwood 6, Megson 6, Sterland 6, Shelton (WDN) 6, Thompson 5, Snodin 7, sub. Shutt 6.

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Harford's your man