

Coventry 1, Luton 0

WHETHER Coventry City have embarked on yet another famous escape has yet to be seen. But yesterday's fighting victory over Luton, one of division One's better teams, at least ensured another nail-biting week for Sky Blues fans, writes **Anton Rippon**.

Luton were one of the sides beaten by Coventry in their famous run-in at the end of last season and the Hatters again looked second-best from the start.

Bennett, Coventry's incisive winger, caused Luton problems galore, and if City's finishing was not all it might have been, their supporters will forgive them after this victory — which leaves them with real hope with two games to play.

Brazil had a hat-trick of chances to put Coventry ahead in the first half, but each time the Scotsman wasted the opportunity.

Two minutes into the second half, Coventry finally got the lead they deserved when Pickering picked up a loose ball, surged forward and saw his shot go in off a post.

Coventry continued to dominate and Luton, who were without injured striker Brian Stein, replaced defender Johnson with Stein's brother Mark, in a desperate bid for the equaliser.

Luton striker Harford, on the fringe of England selection, ended a frustrating afternoon by joining Coventry's McGrath in the referee's notebook, and left the Midlands to contemplate a difficult-looking visit to West Ham on Saturday.

Coventry: Ogrizovic, Borrows, Downs, Bowman, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, McGrath, Regis, Brazil, Pickering.

Luton: Sealey, Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Breacker, Harford, Newell, Preece.

Referee: D. Phillips (Barnsley).