

Luton teach Wimbledon tough lesson

Wimbledon's manager, Dave Bassett, is this morning reflecting on the change in fortunes of his team, who are witnessing the harsher reality of First Division football.

On Sept 2, they went top of the table by beating their fellow promotion compatriots, Charlton, at Selhurst Park.

Since then they have been harangued for their style of

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play, which culminated in them hitting the headlines after a brutal battle against Tottenham last week.

Although they won at White Hart Lane they came away with little respect and at Plough Lane on Saturday Luton proved that experience at top level was of the utmost importance.

Perhaps Mr Bassett has his tongue in cheek when he said afterwards: "Maybe I didn't

feed my players enough raw meat before the game."

Luton absorbed the pressure from the home side and waited patiently for an opening. It came in the 58th minute when a seven-men move ended with Mark Stein slotting the ball home.

Wimbledon.— Beasant; Kay, Winterburn, Galliers, Gayle, Thorn, Downes, Cork, Fashanu, Sanchez, Fairweather.
Sub: Gage

Luton Town.— Sealey; Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, M. Stein, McDonough.
Sub: Wilson