

Pleat can still smile in defeat

Luton 3 Spurs 1

SPURS manager David Pleat still managed a smile and some good humour after his side's setback. 86/87

Pleat took his place in the directors' box amid catcalls and jeers from Kenilworth Road Fans still angry over is "defection" to Spurs.

Then he saw goals goals by Mick Harford, Mike Newell and Darron McDougall ram home the musical message from the terraces: "You should have stayed here at Luton."

There is not much chance of Pleat agreeing—even though Spurs must now be out of the running for the title.

But Pleat pointed out "I never said we would win it. We are are still chasing, I suppose, but despite the games in hand I think Arsenal and ourselves have blown it a bit just recently."

Pleat also praised his former team. "The welcome was not exactly cordial from the terraces," he said. "But I know this place and I'm glad Luton are doing so well because it is good for football."