

Blank excuses!

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LUTON boss John Moore and Wimbledon's Alan Gillett — stand-in for the absent Dave Bassett — trotted out the usual clichés in an attempt to salvage the reputation of their respective sides.

But the truth is that the gulf that exists between soccer's bosses and the spectators who pay their salaries is at times frighteningly wide for these two sides, with no relegation fears hanging over them, conspired to produce just three serious goal opportunities between them

Add to that succession of

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off-side decisions, grotesquely misplaced passes and an unacceptable level of malevolence, particularly from the visitors — who had Lawrie Sanchez and Andy Sayer booked for fouls, along with Luton's Darron McDonough and it is not difficult to understand the frustration of the home fans.

Yet Gillett said: 'We didn't come here to nick a point, our players were just not as positive as they could be.

'Right from the start of the season we have always aimed for the top six and the players are on good bonus payments to do so.'

Had Luton taken advantage of just one of only two early opportunities they surely would have profited further.

But to their anguish, Wimbledon keeper Dave Beasant made a vital intervention on both occasions, first thrusting aside Ricky Hill's fierce drive after he had interchanged precision passes with Brian Stein, then courageously blocking Mike Newell's poin-blank drive.