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HAPPY Hatters chalked up their biggest winning margin of the season to banish the Division One basement blues.

The 4-0 thumping of Newcastle United at Kenilworth Road on Saturday gave Luton a timely confidence booster and a handy leg up the league table.

They had won only one of their six previous First

Division matches and since the start of the only season triumph by more than two goals was the extraordinary 5-2 victory at Oxford.

. The latest result was achieved with more than a third of the first choice names missing.

Yet it is hard to imagine any Luton side Mick Harford injured trio Micky ough hooked wide. Weir, Ricky Hill and David Preece beating the Mirandinha — risked Geordies by more than despite injury — opened four clear goals.

Terrace Mark Stein came in to squandered. steal the show, scoring whisker away from his a sliding tackle. first ever Luton Town But Hatters had the hat-trick.

Brian, with nine and Ian Allinson on the goal line. returning after missing Luton's "second-half tied.

Stoke player. His up the heat. probing cross lured Nwajiobi had already Newcastle's John An- gone close twice before a derson into a weak, 62nd minute move saw

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post, where Mark Stein inviting chip into the arrived unmarked to lash the ball into the corner of the net.

That set the scene for a frenzied and entertaining first 20 minutes.

The Stein brothers including 'flu victim carved out a chance and which Darron McDon-

> And Brazilian star up the home defence favourite only to see the chance

Soon after, Les Sealey twice and providing two had to rush from goal to more — ending only a beat Paul Goddard with

best opportunity to add Stein started only his to the first-half goals, second match of the when an 18th minute season alongside brother scramble ended with Meka Brian Stein hooking a Nwajiobi taking over shot off the floor and from Harford at number Brian Tinnion clearing

from the Littlewoods syndrome", which has Cup win against Coven- seen their concentration try, through being cup-slip and all too often the points with it in previous After less than three matches, was nowhere to minutes a corner was be found after the cleared to the former interval, as they turned

flicked header to the far Allinson deliver an



• It's there. Meka Nwajiobi hammers the third into the back of the net. Pictures: Bruce Raidl.

danger zone, where Mark Stein appeared in a flash to flick the ball past

goalkeeper

a misunderstanding with Then two minutes Wharton, Jackson, Roechance escape.

stranded

Gary Kelly.

The visitors were again, Stein reaching the andinha, Jackson. Subs: virtual spectators — bye-line, where he had Cornwall, O'Neill.

Gascoigne Paul possible exception although had Donaghy not exhibited his usual virtuosity at the back they may have had more joy.

Hatters continued pressure brought a 74th aghy, Wilson, B. Stein, minute corner from which Mark Stein Five minutes later wriggled free and had his son, Harvey. Stein looked certain to shot from six yards NEWCASTLE - Kelly, complete a hat-trick, but turned in by Nwajiobi.

brother Brian let the from time Allinson and der, McDonald, Gas-Mark Stein combined coigne, Goddard, Mir-

time to look up and place a precise cross for brother Brian to head in at the far post.

• Attendance — 7,638. LUTON - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Mc-Donough, Foster, Don-Nwajiobi, M. Stein, Allinson. Subs: John-

Anderson, Tinnion,