

HAPPY DAYS FOR BARGAIN BUY IAN

It's there!
Allinson
sends up
a beauty

BARGAIN basement buy Ian Allinson blasted Luton to their fifth straight win and admitted: "It's all going right for me at the moment."

Allinson lobbed one breathtaking goal and clinically slotted home the other as determined Hatters sank sorry Spurs.

That took his tally to three in two games — one better than he managed during the whole of last season with Arsenal.

Allinson's surging runs, probing passes and vast appetite for work have also helped Hatters take 12 points from the five league games he's played in.

And it's obvious the midfielder is enjoying life again now that he's back home with old boss Ray Harford.

The pair worked together at Colchester for nine years. And when Harford heard Allinson, who left Arsenal for Stoke during the summer, was unhappy at his new club, he swooped for him again.

The 30-year-old came to Kenilworth Road last month for a nominal

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£10,000 fee.

And already he's justifying Harford's faith in him in the best possible way — by scoring goals.

"Ray wants everybody scoring. He's always expressing the need to get forward," explained Allinson as he clutched his man-of-the-match champagne.

"He puts no restrictions on us — he's given us plenty of confidence that way."

If Allinson's pleased with the way things have

turned out so's Harford.

"He's done well — smashing," enthused the Luton boss.

"He's a good player with a good attitude."

Both agreed Allinson's 37th minute opening strike was one to remember. And it was one that brought the game to life as the midfielder ran on to Rob Johnson's long ball and coolly lobbed Spurs' keeper Tony Parks from 25 yards.

"I think the first was the best," said Allinson.

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"Rob knocked it over the top and I managed to get there and knock it over the keeper's head."

On the killer second strike Allinson admitted though: "It was always a case of if I hit the target I'd be alright."

The goals — especially the first — livened up what could have been a very dull and dreary afternoon.

Both sides spent most of the first half perfecting their offside trap.

That left little time for attacking as Luton failed to force a first half

corner and Spurs only managed two.

But ironically it was from Tottenham's second corner that Luton scored.

Hatters came storming out after the break as they managed to silence the large and noisy army of Spurs fans with three quick corners.

And Steve Foster nearly stopped their inane chanting and foot-stamping for good as his rocket like header was only kept out by a desperate Steve Hodge.

It was Allinson though who made the Tottenham hordes realise their successful attempts at breaking the away fan ban were in vain.

Johnson was again the provider as his 63rd minute cross was flicked on by Meka Nwajiobi. Allinson found acres of space on the left edge of the box and calmly picked his spot.

LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Johnson, B. Stein, Nwajiobi, M. Stein, Allinson. Subs: Harvey, Weir (not used).

SPURS: Parks, Stevens, Hughton, Samways, Fairclough, Mabbutt, C. Allen, P. Allen, Ardiles, Hodge, Howells. Subs: Close (for P. Allen, 60), Thomas (for Stevens, 84).



● It's there again! Allinson slams home number two.



● It's there! Ian Allinson's super lob beats Spurs' goalie Tony Parkes.