

SUPER KIDS SEAL VITAL FIRST WIN!

SUPER KIDS DAVID Oldfield and Kingsley Black coolly steered Hatters to their first win of the season — and showed Everton's multi-million pound strike-force how to do it.

The duo's Goodison one-two gave Hatters their first away league win since December 12 last year, when they crushed doomed rivals Watford.

And the youngsters' contribution justified manager Ray Harford's determination to stick with them when the going got tough.

Luton soaked up everything the Merseysiders threw at them — made a hatful of chances playing on the break — and never let their concentration slip.

Last week, Manchester United hit Hatters with a sucker punch after they had controlled the game.

But this time there was to be no mistake.

Everton's passing was awful and although their forwards found new ways of missing gift chances, Hatters forced home keeper Neville Southall to show why he's the best in the world.

Ricky Hill was calmness personified as he prompted from just behind the front two, Steve Williams at last showed why Ray Harford laid out £300,000 for his ser-

EVERTON 0 LUTON 2 By MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

vices and Mick Harford was again a tower of strength up front.

The goalless half-time score was a tribute to both goalkeepers.

Six minutes into the game, Southall pulled off a wonder save to halt Danny Wilson's point-blank header.

But Les Sealey showed he was no slouch with crisp saves, first from £2 million man Tony Cottee, and then Graeme Sharp after Mal Donaghy's glaring mistake let in the powerful Scot.

Then it was Southall again.

The Welsh wizard beat down a bullet Harford header after the striker had connected unmarked to a glori-

ous Steve Williams corner.

Hatters could have been forgiven for thinking it wasn't to be their day and the frustration showed as the game became scrappy towards the end of the half.

Four players — including Hatters' Williams and Steve Foster — found their way into referee Michael Peck's book for crude fouls.

Hatters drew first blood after the break when Wilson deflected a fierce Rob Johnson shot and forced Southall into spectacular action again.

But then came a string of amazing Everton misses.

Cottee hit a post in the 56th minute and



• **JOY AND DESPAIR...** Hatters celebrate David Oldfield's goal — but Everton's Neil McDonald and Neville Southall can't believe it

soon after a penalty appeal for hands against Harford he blasted over from just 10 yards.

In the 72nd minute, Stuart McCall, an £850,000 summer signing from Bradford, missed the first of two great chances.

Blazing

He looked yards off-side when he was put through, but with Sealey advancing couldn't even get his shot on target.

Yet Hatters emerged from the pressure with guns blazing and took the lead two minutes later.

Oldfield sent Black galloping towards goal and when Southall beat out the Northern Ire-

land international's shot, the striker was on hand to fire the ball home from the edge of the box.

McCall was there again in the 81st minute — passing to Sealey instead of trying to beat him — but Hatters were in full flow now.

And they rounded off a superb performance just seconds later when Oldfield fed Black and he exploited the space left by subbed right back Neil McDonald to round Southall and finish from the tightest of angles.

There was still time for Cottee to miss from three yards — but this was Hatters day after all.

THE LINE-UP

LUTON: Sealey, Johnson, Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Oldfield (Allinson 90), Harford, Hill (Breacker 82), Black.

EVERTON: Southall, McDonald (Clarke 81), Wilson, Snodin, Watson, Reid, Heath, McCall, Sharp, Cottee, Sheedy. Other sub. Jones.

• Attendance 26,017.