

Super Sealey saves the day

ANOTHER marvellous display of goalkeeping from Les Sealey was the highlight of a disappointing goalless draw at Kenilworth Road on Saturday.

The in-form keeper made vital early saves to keep the Hatters in the game but after the initial burst of activity there was little to warm the crowd on a cold afternoon.

"We're not playing well at the moment," admitted Hatters boss Ray Harford. "We're not playing with any confidence at home and today we were very stodgy.

"We're still missing Brian Stein's goals and without Mick Harford today we were struggling," he added.

Luton's case wasn't helped by a lengthy injury list which sidelined Harford, Tim Breacker, Ashley Grimes and Darren McDonough and forced Steve Foster, Steve William and Ricky Hill to play despite not being 100 percent fit.

The draw ended what Harford described as a 'traumatic week' for the club with the Mal Donaghy saga finally ending with the defender joining Manchester United.

But Harford was left fuming by a suggestion from United boss Alex Ferguson that Liverpool had made a late bid for Donaghy and Steve Foster.

"It just didn't happen," he said. "Liverpool never offered money for Donaghy and Foster and I don't know why he (Ferguson) should say something like that, it was totally out of order."

Harford took some consolation from his side's

Luton Town	0
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second-half showing against Rangers, but they had to survive a tricky opening spell with former Hatter Mark Stein prominent.

In the first minute Sealey had to dash from his line to save with his legs from the tricky striker and seven minutes later a lob from Stein released Trevor Francis who was only denied by a fine fingertip stop from the Luton keeper.

From the resulting corner Rangers' defender Danny Maddix was twice denied by the overworked Sealey who made two point-blank stops.

After 20 minutes Sealey was eventually beaten by Martin Allen's lob but Foster cleared off the line, and it wasn't until the 30th minute when Luton had their first effort on goal, Danny Wilson's header being easily saved by Dave Seaman.

The Rangers keeper had to be alert to tip a Steve Williams shot over seven minutes later but neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled after the break with Stein missing the best chance of the game when he sidefooted an Allen cross past the far post after 52 minutes.