



• Roy Wegerle

GREAT DANE NEEDS TIME



• Danny Wilson

RECORD-SIGNING Lars Elstrup admits he needs time to adapt to English soccer after his first taste of the top flight.

Boss Ray Harford held back the great Dane until the 53rd minute of this fast and furious Kenilworth Road clash.

And after the dust had settled on a scrappy 0-0 draw, Elstrup said he'd found the pace of the game a touch too hot to handle.

"It was much faster than I'm used to," said the 26-year-old.

"The Danish First Division is not even half as fast and the game was even quicker than international football.

"The pace worries me a little — but I have got to get used to it — and I hope it comes quickly.

"I need two or three more games and I need

to do some training with the players — then hopefully I'll be used to it."

Elstrup — whose £900,000 transfer to Kenilworth Road was only completed late on Friday night — was happy to begin his career on the subs' bench.

And he said he had

no qualms about Luton's controversial plastic surface.

"I feared it before I came but now I've tried it, I suppose there is not much difference between it and grass."

Elstrup's arrival was greeted by a roar of approval from the Kenilworth Road faithful who'd seen the visitors

Hero Alec is bang in form

LUTON 0 LIVERPOOL 0 By MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

dominate much of the game.

Hatters worked hard to contain Liverpool's superiority and when the Red army did break through, former Everton keeper Alec Chamberlain was there to save the day.

The game plan was to hammer away at the Liverpool rearguard and wait for the cracks to appear.

But striker Roy Wegerle was unable to capture his form of the previous two games and Hatters caused Liverpool few worries.

Acrobatic Chamberlain tipped away a cheeky Ian Rush shot after nine minutes.

But the keeper watched stranded as David Burrows lashed a shot across the face of his goal from a 27th minute free kick.

Rush tested the keeper again after 34 minutes but when the Welsh ace did net four minutes later, a linesman's flag ruled the effort out.

Danny Wilson forged Hatters' best chance after Chamberlain had cut out a dangerous run and cross by John Barnes.

The skipper was sent clear by Wegerle but was unable to get his shot on target.

And it was Chamberlain again — reaching high to tip over a Barnes chip on the stroke of half-time — who kept Hatters level.

Elstrup's first contribution was a telling one as he set up Wilson with a neat cross that the skipper headed just

wide of the target.

Chamberlain pulled off two more top-class saves from Steve Nicol and Rush before the Dane got his first shot in Luton colours — but Bruce Grobbelaar had no trouble saving.

Liverpool ended the strongest and Chamberlain got the piece of luck both he and Hatters deserved when substitute John Aldridge crashed a last gasp shot against the woodwork.

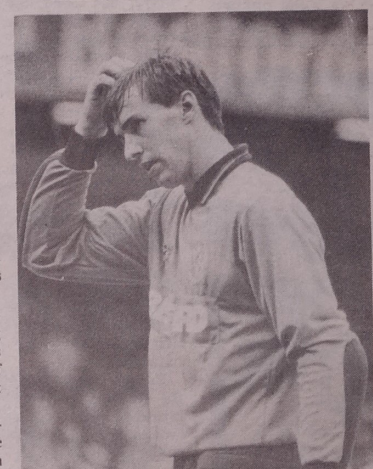
LUTON: Chamberlain, Breaker, Dreyer, Williams (Elstrup 53), McDonough, Beaumont, Kennedy (Harvey 73), Wilson, Wegerle, Black.

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar, Hysen, Burrows, Nicol, Whelan, Hansen, Beardsley (Aldridge 75), Gillespie, Rush, Barnes, McMahon. Other sub: Venison.

• Attendance 11,124.



• New boy — Lars Elstrup gets the call to action.



• Luton's hero — Alec Chamberlain.



• In command — Bruce Grobbelaar safe in flight as Darron McDonough and Gary Gillespie press.

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