

CUP RUN IS OVER

LITTLEWOODS Cup hopes of a third consecutive Wembley appearance vanished at Goodison Park after the Town had done well for the first 50 minutes.

They had defended very professionally, and looked set for a draw at the very least.

But the attack rarely worried the home defence, although David Preece was out of luck when his 22nd-minute drive from the edge of the box left Neville Southall groping. The ball hit the bar and rebounded to safety.

Everton and their fans were a touch nervous as the Town's defensive blanket and the home

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EVERTON.....3
LUTON TOWN..0

side's poor finishing maintained the deadlock.

But in the second half Pat Nevin gave John Dreyer a roasting. Once Luton old boy Mike Newell had headed Everton into the lead Town heads dropped, and their first-ever away defeat in the competition was assured.

Newell's second goal, six minutes later, settled it, and the Town were chasing the game in forlorn hope when Nevin hit the late third.

GOODISON PARK DETAILS

TOWN: Chamberlain; Breacker, McDonough, Beaumont, Dreyer (Johnson, 64 mins); Black, Wilson, Preece (Dowie, 64 mins), Harvey; Wegerle, Elstrup.

EVERTON: Southall; Ebbrell, Keown, Watson, McDonald; Nevin, McCall, Whiteside, Sheedy; Newell, Cottee (Sharp 76 mins).

GOALS: Mike Newell headers, 52 and 58 minutes; Pat Nevin, 85th minute.

OTHER STRIKES: Town one saved, two wide, and David Preece drive hit the bar; Everton six saved and nine wide. Corners: 9-4 to Everton.

REFEREE: Roger Milford, Bristol.

ATTENDANCE: 18,428.

ENTERTAINMENT: OK for Town fans until Mike Newell headed his first goal. The rest is best forgotten.