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AS the celebrations continue from Luton Town's momentous win at Derby, boss Jim Ryan says summertime won't be Sale of the Century at Kenilworth Road.

Ryan and his players jetted out to Spain this week for a well-earned holiday, but thoughts are already turning to the start of the new Division One campaign on August 25.

Luton have made no secret that the playing staff has to be trimmed, but Ryan pointed out: "There is a lot of work to be done in the summer, but the transfer situation will take care of itself. We are not going out hawking players."

Undoubtedly King-Isey Black is top of the wanted list of many clubs, but Luton are in the process of drawing up a new contract for the Northern Ireland winger who produced a match-winning display

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at Derby.

After that triumph, Black said: "I have always been happy to stay at Luton Town, and I do not want to leave."

A sentiment echoed by Ryan who described the response from young and senior players alike as "quite moving".

There was certainly much emotion at the Baseball Ground on

## But will Black be staying?

Saturday from players and fans, with anxious ears listening for scores from Sheffield Wednesday's clash with Nottingham Forest.

Ryan said: "I was biting my nails, but to be honest I was not concerned with what was happening at Hillsborough.

"If you work hard enough you get the reward, and it's not disbelief because we have got what we deserved from playing quality football. I felt fairly confident when the third goal

went in, and after that it was a case of not making any mistakes."

The tremendous travelling support played its part, with Ryan describing them as "absolutely fantastic, I've never seen Luton fans like it."

Forest of course did the Hatters a favour, but at Hillsborough the scoreboard incorrectly gave out a late Derby equaliser, and the home fans began to celebrate.

The real celebrations though were on the way back from Derby after a quite incredible day.



THE celebrations are under way. Top right: the fans; centre: manager Jim Ryan; and above: Iain Dowie. Pictures by Steve Nicholson. THREE more packed pages of sport inside.