

THEY WENT HATTERWAY



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DERBY 2 LUTON 3

LITTLE Kingsley Black sensation-ally shot the Hatters to First Division safety.

Brilliant Black - one of the youngest men on the park - defied the tension to grab a goal straight out of Roy of the Rovers.

Luton's First Division life was ebbing away when Black tried a shot from the edge of the penalty box.

It was blocked, but as the ball bounced back to him, Black kept his head and coolly curled the ball past Shilton.

In that moment, Luton had amazingly saved themselves. Ron Atkinson's Wednesday were down. And didn't Luton deserve it! No team could have fought and played more bravely.

Luton opened a pulsating first half by sweeping into a sensational 2-0 lead. They were thrown a dream First Division lifeline almost from the kick-off by a blunder from Shilton, of all people.

A free-kick on the edge of the box was tapped to Breacker. He fired in a shot and Shilton didn't move as it fizzed unerringly into the top corner of the net.

Chipped

Luton's 5,000 travelling fans went wild - but they were in utter ecstasy when their team went even farther ahead.

Wilson chipped the ball in from the right and Black beat Hindmarch in the race to get there first and nudge it past Shilton.

But Luton's glee evaporated in the face of Derby's power on high crosses - spearheaded by Harford, the man Luton sold.

He clawed Derby back into the game when Davidson hit in a long, high pass. Harford nodded it down and Wright smashed in a volley that Chamberlain got a hand to but couldn't keep out.

Derby saw the way to salvation against Luton's fatal flaw and quickly exploited it again.

A free-kick was pumped in from the left, Luton couldn't head it clear, and the ball dropped invitingly for Paul Williams to volley the equaliser.

DERBY: Shilton 6 - Sage 6, Davidson 6, *WRIGHT 8, Hindmarch 6, Forsyth 7 - G. Williams 7, P. Williams 6, Ramage (withdrwn) 4 - Saunders 5, Harford 6. Sub: Hebbard 5.

LUTON: Chamberlain 6 - Breacker 6, Beaumont 6, Dreyer 7, James (withdrwn) 6 - McDonough 6, Wilson 7, Preece 7, *BLACK 8 - Rees (withdrwn) 5, Dowie 7. Subs: Elstrup 5, Kennedy.

Ref: B. Stevens 7.

Booking: Beaumont (Luton)

Kingsley the king saves it

FROM THIS

Tottenham	23	6	1	4	20	17	3	5	4	12	13	33
Derby County	23	6	1	5	20	11	3	4	4	9	10	32
Wimbledon	23	3	4	4	12	14	4	6	2	14	11	31
QPR	23	5	3	3	14	12	2	6	4	12	14	30
Man City	24	7	1	4	19	14	0	5	7	7	24	27
Sheff Wed	25	5	6	2	16	9	1	2	9	5	26	26
Crystal Pal	24	5	3	4	16	17	2	2	8	11	32	26
Man U	24	4	4	4	15	11	2	3	7	13	23	25
Millwall	24	4	5	3	17	12	1	4	7	13	28	24
Luton	23	4	5	3	12	11	0	5	6	13	22	22
Charlton	23	2	4	5	12	15	1	3	8	6	19	16

□ Luton facing the drop in February

TO THIS

Norwich	38	7	10	2	24	14	6	4	9	20	28	53
QPR	38	9	4	6	27	22	4	7	8	18	22	50
Coventry	38	11	2	6	24	25	3	5	11	15	34	49
Man U	38	8	6	5	26	14	5	3	11	20	33	48
Man City	38	9	4	6	26	21	3	8	8	17	31	48
Crystal Pal	38	8	7	4	27	23	5	2	12	15	43	48
Derby County	38	9	1	9	29	21	4	6	9	14	19	46
Luton	38	8	8	3	24	18	2	5	12	19	39	43
Sheff Wed	38	8	6	5	21	17	3	4	12	14	34	43
Charlton	38	4	6	9	18	25	3	3	13	13	32	30
Millwall	38	4	6	9	23	25	1	5	13	16	40	26

□ and after scraping survival yesterday

□ **HAPPY HATTERS!**... A delighted Tim Breacker gets a lift from Darren McDonough after putting Luton ahead

