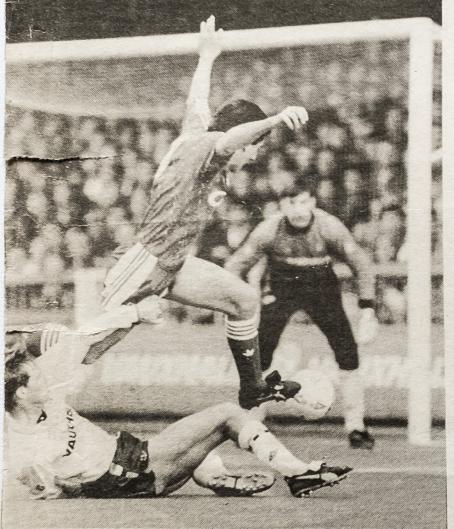


LIVERPOOL'S John Barnes shadowed by Luton's Mark Pembridge.



HATTERS' hero lain Dowie is beaten to this ball by Liverpool keeper Mike Hooper.



PETER Beardsley evades the challenge of Julian James.

HATTERS' hero Iain Dowie is determined to keep his first team place, and help Luton maintain the winning habit.

A delighted Dowie scored two and made the other for Kingsley Black, as Jim Ryan's side swept past the reigning league champions at a jubilant Kenilworth Road.

The centre-forward, who cost just £30,000 from non-league football, had undone a multi-million pound team of stars with a tireless showing, and not short on skill.

Inevitably much was made of the effect on Liverpool of Kenny Dalglish's departure.

But Dowie pointed out: "I'm sure that's what the papers will say, but there was more effort from Luton and we took the game to them in the second half."

He added lovely for me to score two goals, and important for the team to get the points.

"I was disappointed to be left out earlier in the season, and that's something only Jim Ryan can explain.

"But I don't hold that against him, the manager is trying to get the results, and now I'm back in the team that's

LUTON TOWN 3 LIVERPOOL 1 Report: Simon Oxley Pictures: Steve Nicholson

"I worked hard at my game while I was out, and that's paying off

Dowie who took advan- so winning can become tage of a generous Liv- one. erpool defence, on a day when the whole team the world of good for shone.

Luton, without Steve come back refreshed." Williams, found a great depth of spirit and com- performance, which mitment.

made sure the only bright part of John half-time deficit. Barnes' performance was his red cycling shorts, Lars Elstrup oozed international class, and Graham growing reputation as a

we can now look for-

class centre-half. As Dowie pointed drop out: "When you have a to get these wins, and

ward with relish to the next game.

"It was an important three points, because as It was an inspired losing becomes a habit

> The break has done team spirit, and we have

It was a refreshing Mark Pembridge ovation after the Hatters cross. recovered from a 1-0

Jan Molby's penalty gave Liverpool a 16th minute lead after Julian James was harshly adjudged to have handled, Rodger confirmed his but even when Elstrup saw his effort ruled out for offside heads didn't

a blinding save to deny

Reserve keeper Mike young side it's important Hooper was looking assured, and had produced



lain's double

 IAIN Dowie in action again. This time an aerial duel with Steve Nicol.

chance two minutes after the break when the same player headed has unsettled teams all rightly earned a standing home Dowie's pinpoint season, and he was due

> Six minutes later Dowie cut inside-from manager is no way to the right, fired his first shot against Elstrup, but then calmly slotted in

the rebound. minutes from time, getting in front of Glen extra burden. Hysen to convert El-

strup's low cross. Manager Jim Ryan was full of praise for his

centre-forward. I was very pleased team.

Black, but had no works very hard," said

"His work in the air these goals."

Certainly. prepare for a game, but Liverpool could have few complaints.

A club of their stand-He added the third 10 ing should have been well able to shoulder an

> And as Ryan pointed out: "It would be wrong for the events of the last 24 hours to overshadow the performance of my