

Pleat warns his flops

LUTON manager David Pleat warned that only half his side would survive after watching them crash to their sixth successive away defeat at Villa Park.

Luton have now conceded 23 goals in seven away games, scoring just once.

Pleat sighed: "We seem to go through a wilting process when we are away from home. Only five or six players will survive and the vultures of the First Division will take them away from me.

"But believe it or not I can see a team developing out there."

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by Paul Weaver

Few could share Pleat's optimism, and to make it worse, Phil Gray missed a penalty when Villa defender Shaun Teale handled a Paul Telfer cross.

Villa went ahead through Kevin Richardson in the third minute and added three more in the second-half through Cyrille Regis, Dwight Yorke and substitute Paul Mortimer.