

Luton so close

BY Luton's standards an away draw is a triumph. But they came close here to ending a wretched 53-week drought without an away success.

They took a seventh minute lead when the impressive Mark Pembridge crashed a 25-yard free-kick against the crossbar, Dave Watson made a hash of his clearance and Brian Stein prodded the ball over the line.

For the rest of the half Luton's midfield stifled Everton. But manager Howard

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Kendall reshaped his side at half-time, taking off Matthew Jackson and packing out the midfield.

Within six minutes it had worked with substitute Andy Hinchcliffe crossing and Mo Johnston glancing a header beyond Mervyn Day.

Kendall said afterwards: "Full credit to the way Luton play. I'm certain they will survive."