

No happy ending at The Den

THE Town's final visit to The Den brought defeat but not shame to a side that had to be reshaped through injury and illness.

The only goal was well worked, although Town boss **David Pleat** complained of bad defending that allowed it to happen in the 25th minute.

The Town had looked composed and disciplined until that happened, but not very menacing in attack.

With **David Preece** and **Julian James** ruled out by flu, **Kerry Dixon** was put on the bench.

The five-man midfield included **Richard Harvey**, in his first Division one game of the season, with **Des Linton** returning after injury to play at right back.

But the service to **Phil Gray** was not too good, with **Scott Oakes** looking the most likely to give him close support.

For the second half Linton was taken off,

Millwall 1 Luton Town 0

with **Paul Telfer** moving to right back and **Dixon** joining **Gray** in attack.

It was a formation that worked well at holding Millwall without threatening major damage to their defence.

The decisive goal came when **Malcolm Allen** and **Ian Bogie** set up **Alex Rae** to get to the by-line. His hard and low pulled-back cross evaded **Marvin Johnson**, **Trevor Peake** and **John Dreyer**, but not the onrushing **Jamie Moralee**, who netted his 14th goal of the season.

Match details

TOWN: Chamberlain; Linton (Dixon HT), Peake, Dreyer, Johnson; Rees, Telfer, Oakes (Williams 82 mins), Hughes, Harvey; Gray.

MILLWALL: Keller; Cunningham, Cooper,

Stevens, Dawes; Rae, Roberts, Bogie (Kerr 75 mins), Barber; Moralee, Allen. Other sub, not used: T. McCarthy.

GOAL: Jamie Moralee, 25 minutes, close range after swift passing move by **Malcolm Allen**, **Ian Bogie** and **Alex Rae** ended with a hard low cross being pulled back from the right by **Rae**.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town four saved and two wide; Millwall six saved and four wide. Corners: 7-6 to Millwall.

REFEREE: Paul Durkin, Portland. Did well, and always tried to keep the game flowing.

BOOKED: Keith Stevens of Millwall for a foul on **Marvin Johnson**.

ATTENDANCE: 8,286, including 350 from Luton to see the Town's 25th and last league visit to The Den. The record: five wins, seven draws and 13 defeats.

ENTERTAINMENT: Not as good as it sometimes promised because the Town could not do the business where it really mattered.