Swindon.....1 Luton Town .....0 (Half-time.....0-0)

Brian Swain reports

threat increased at

Swindon because

Luton Town were

good enough to

hold good quality

opposition for 82

minutes, but not

turn a lot of very

promising play into

By Saturday night the

high price for that failing

was cruelly underlined

with the league table

showing the Town only

one place and two points

ahead of the bottom

Difficult

There was much to

nire about the way

the Town set about a dif-

ficult task, against a side

going well for the play-

after being 4-1 down.

... 10,934 21

. 5.197

goals.



**Action pictures: Josh Levy** 



● HANDY: Swindon goalkeeper Fraser Digby gets there sharp enough to first, beating a challenge by Phil Gray.



■ EAR-BASHING: Kerry Dixon the target of a choice word or two from Swindon defender Colin Calderwood.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIV I

5 Tranmere (h) 3-3 (Claridge, Linton, Oakes) .... 6,801 23

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

FEBRUARY

1992

22 Bristol City (h) 0-3

2 Newcastle (a) 0-2.

26 Notts Co (a) 0-0.

10 Barnsley (a) 0-3.

17 Derby (h) 1-3 (Johnson)

7 Grimsby (h) 1-4 (Gray) ... 14 Oxford (a) 0-4.

21 Millwall (h) 1-1 (Gray) . 29 Watford (h) 2-0 (Benjamin, Oakes)

5 Bristol Rov (a) 0-2...

19 Sunderland (h) 0-0.

1993

16 Notts Co (h) 0-0.

27 Newcastle (h) 0-0

30 Bristol City (a) 0-0.

9 Brentford (h) 0-0 .

20 Charlton (h) 1-0 (Gray).

12 Wolves (a) 2-1 (Gray 2)

29 Charlton (a) 0-0.

15 Leicester (a) 1-2 (Campbell).

13 Brentford (a) 2-1 (James, Gray).

3 Portsmouth (h) 1-4 (Dreyer) .

25 Peterborough (a) 3-2 (Gray 2, Telfer)

3 Cambridge (a) 3-3 (Oakes, Gray 2).

28 West Ham (a) 2-2 (Hughes, Dreyer).

9 Birmingham (a) 1-2 (Hughes) ...

6 Leicester (h) 2-0 (Johnson, Gray)..

13 Tranmere Rov (a) 2-0 (Gray, Johnson)

27 Barnsley (h) 2-2 (Dixon, Gray pen).

9 Oxford (h) 3-1 (Prece, Gray, Oakes) ... 13 Grimsby (a) 1-3 (Gray) .....

20 Bristol Rov (h) 1-1 (OG Maddison) .

6 Portsmouth (a) 1-2 (Gray) ...

19 Birmingham (h) 1-1 (Claridge pen)

he season so

17 428

. 7.926 22

.. 6,302 21

.. 5,992 21

. 5.261 23

. 7.256 22

5,760 22

..13,932 19

..18,786 20

.. 8.286 20

6.729 22

. 8,877 24

8.723 19

7,595 19

.. 6.687 17

CHART SHOWS Town score first, goalscorers, gates and league position after Saturday's game.

24 Millwall (a) 0-1.

3 Watford (a) 0-0

10 Swindon (a) 0-1.

Ham: Saturday Su

6,928 22 Peterborough (h), 8th Southend (a).

THE FA CUP

GOALS: Claridge 3, Preece 1.

Williams 7(11), Benjamin 5(5), Campbell 2(7), Harvey and

Greene 1. BEFORE TRANSFERS: Claridge 15(1); Matthew (loan)

2, Hughes 2, Dixon 2, Claridge 2(1 pen). One each by Campbell, Linton, Telfer, Benjamin and Preece. One OG: Lee Maddison, of

ASSISTS: Preece 7. Gray, Johnson 4. Hughes, Kamara 3. Two

each by Rees, Dreyer, Oakes, Williams and Claridge. One each

REMAINING fixtures after last night's home name with West

Round 3: Jan 19 Bristol City (h) 2-0 (Gray, Hughes)..... 6,094

APPEARANCES: Two each by Chamberlain, James,

Dreyer, Peake, Johnson, Telfer, Rees, Preece, Hughes,

Gray and Benjamin. Two each as subs by Oakes and Harvey.

Round 2 (1): Sep 23 Plymouth (h) 2-2 (Claridge 2)...... 3,702

Round 2 (2): Oct 6 Plymouth (a) 2-3 (Claridge, Preece) 8,946

Peake, Johnson, James, Kamara, Preece, Gray and Claridge.

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton, Rees,

Oakes 1(1), Rees 1(1). One each as sub by Campbell and Dreyer.

APPEARANCES: Two each by Petterson, Linton, Salton,

. 6,245 22 Round 4: Jan 23 Derby County (h) 1-5 (Telfer) .......... 9,170

THE COCA-COLA CUP

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP

8.902 18 James, Kamara, Claridge and Gray. Preece 1(1), Campbell 1(1),

29 Bristol City (h) 1-1 (Claridge) ...

. 7,717 17 | Peake 1, Johnson 1, Dreyer 1, Matthew 1, Oakes (2).

erland (a), April 24th Derby (a). MAY: 1st

3(2). Number of players used: 23 (32 last season).

by James, Linton, Salton, Telfer and Dixon.

# flatters to deceive Match details

Swindon 1 Luton Town 0

Promising display

LUTON TOWN: Chamberlain; James, Peake, Dreyer, Johnson; Telfer, Kamara, Preece, Hughes (Oakes 72 mins); Dixon, Gray. Other sub:

SWINDON: Digby; Summerbee, Hoddle, Calderwood, Taylor, Bodin; Marwood (Hazard 62 mins), MacLaren (Hamon 81 mins), Ling; Maskell, THE GOAL: Crisp drive into the far corner from overlapping left back

Paul Bodin after Nicky Summerbee, the right back, had got down his flank and crossed hard and deep. A flicked header by sub Chris Hamon sending the ball beyond Julian James, the last defender. OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town three saved and five wide; Swindon four

saved and four wide. Corners: 5-3 to the Town. REFEREE: Paul Vanes, Warley, West Midlands: played very well, with both sides helping by getting on with the game.

ATTENDANCE: 10,934. Bettered only five times at the County Ground this season—and well shouted the 400 from Luton.

ENTERTAINMENT: A little dour, with the Town doing very well at

holding a top team, but not doing enough to beat them.

White both suspended,

Maskell and Martin

Peake and a slightly

more nervous John

bay for almost the whole

of the first half as the

Town settled into a good

Fullbacks Julian

Johnson were both on

when Swindon attacks

There was only one

first 45 minutes, when

Swindon were kept at

Dreyer.

sound, and the midfield tension than the Town. carried an encouraging mix of toughness and offs, and which had won creativity.

former homes, Chris ere illustrated 48 hours ater: they won 6-4 at tackles and regular runs in support of the attack. Birmingham on Monday On Saturday the half Ceri Hughes threatened to destroy

Swindon's sweeper system, working the flank like a left winger. With David Preece in a shame that Paul Telfer found that his job had to be more about stopping

the opposition rather than attacking them. On the run of play Swindon were lucky to win. But the vital goal was a cracker, whipped in eight minutes from when Swindon attacks ime when the Town broke down, often APPEARANCES (as sub in brackets): Gray 40; James and Prece 38, Peake 35, Johnson 33(2), Dreyer 33, Rees 28(3), Chamberlain 27, Telfer 25(2), Oakes 24(16), Hughes 23(3), Linton 17(3), Kamara 16, Salton 15, Petterson 14, Dixon 11(1), seemed to be worth their through over-anxious 18th draw of the season. misplaced passes. The Town defence

had looked rock solid scare for the Town in the until then. Goalkeeper Alec Ling's pass set Maskell (2). Number of players used: 23 (32 last 3 dashi).

GOALS: Gray 18(1 pen), Oakes 5, Johnson 3, James 2, Dreyer

Chamberlain hardly had on an angled run in the a save to make and the home side and their fans penalty area. For once-the offside flag did not

Maskell got past the The best chances goalkeeper, he had been driven very wide, and before the goal had all been created at the put his shot into the side Back at one of his other end. Swindon The solid holding were without the main

strike forces, with Dave game needed a touch of

Mitchell and Steve Phil Gray and Kerry Ling, had to play second **Dixon** could not find it. fiddle as the middle was Gray put an early bottled up by Trevor bar, and a glorious

chance went to waste in

Hughes cracked in a was too hot for Fraser Digby. He dropped the ball, and Kamara, racing James and Marvin was set for a simple goal until Dixon also tried to shoot, and the two got tangled up and the chance was gone.

"Kerry didn't hear me shout, and took the ball off my toes," said

Long before the end it Peake on the half way looked like the tenth 0-0 draw of the season was a

Ling wasted a chance

with a header over the bar from a far post cross by Brian Marwood, and. it took Swindon 61 minutes to get a shot on target. Maskell hit it straight at Chamberlain The Town were bright on the counter-attack, and Kamara ran through the offside trap superbly, only to hit a very poor cross.

The Town sent on Scott Oakes in place of Hughes for the last 20 minutes, but when Kamara set him up for a shot he sent it into

In the closing stages Swindon raised their game, and sent on a 19year-old sub who turned out to be a match. winner on his league

# **Good save**

Nicky Summerbee

roared down the right

wing and crossed to the

Chris Hamon, the

sub, made a very faint

contact with a header

which sent the ball over

James, and left back

Paul Bodin, running up

on the lind side, cashed

in with a cracking first-

time drive low into the

As the Town went for

broke, Swindon should

have scored again in the

Micky Hazard beat

far corner of the net.

lacked.

Chamberlain had THE Town thought they had earned half made a very good save the six points needed for safety against to flick a shot by Maskell Wolves, until a debatable equaliser robbed over the bar before the home side found the finish their front men

Most people in the ground — and neutrals in the Pressbox were unanimous -Dreyer to get clear and drive in an 81stminute goal. Unfortunately referee Kelvin Morton was the odd man out. 'Debatable, to say the least,' said

nanager David Pleat, who had jumped out of the dug-out to remontrate with the inesman who allowed Bull to go on and deprive the Town of the extra two points y just about deserved. hey had put Wolves under the cosh for nutes before goalkeeper Mike Stowell,

e man of the match, was finally beaten by Until then Wolves, in with a slim chance la play-off place, had strolled through the me, content to defend in depth and rely

# Luton Town 1 Wolves 1

'No foul' ref under fire

Town might have to pay for it. routine, and Stowell made another brilliant save to deal with a right foot volley by Gray, were sure that Steve Bull fouled John after Jason Rees had created the opening. The goal that was overdue arrived in the

OLD MASTERS: Glenn Hoddle and Chris Kamara, both 35, proving they are still on the ball.

50th minute, with Rees, Scott Oakes and Chris Kamara setting up Gray for a shot low into the corner of the net from about 15 But it galvanised Wolves into being more positive. Alec Chamberlain had to make a clear from Andy Mutch's flick.

top class save to a free kick by Paul Cook, and a drive by Paul Blades hit the bar. The storm seemed to have been weathered until
Mr Morton failed to penalise Bull for knocking
REFEREE: Kelvin Morton, Bury St Dreyer down as they chased after a headed pass by

The former England striker, kept well under the Andy Mutch. control by Dreyer except for that one moment, took the chance well, but it was less than justice for a Town side that had done remarkably well to bury

LUTON TOWN: Chamberlain; James, Peake But they returned to the attacking Dreyer, Johnson; Rees (Telfer 85 mins), Kamara Precee (Williams 87 mins), Oakes; Dixon, Gray. WOLVES: Stowell; Simkin, Mountfield Blades, Venus; Rankine, Downing, Cook, De nison; Mutch, Bull (Thompson, 86 mins). Othe

GOALS: 1-0, 50mins: Phil Gray, low drive fro Chris Kamara; 1-1 81 mins: Steve Bull, aft Town sure that Bull fouled the defender to go

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town seven saved an REFEREE: Kelvin Morton, Bury St. Edmun

Had a good game except for the crucial decision un-up to the equaliser. ATTENDANCE: 7,948, with only a few hund

ENTERTAINMENT: Mixed, but overall pro But the result was a bitter blow to a team that good. The Town played very well and had almost

Crawley Sports ..

Limbury Black Swan

**DIVISION TWO** 

Local soccer tables

A & B Sports NHC Sunday League

## DIVISION FIVE **DIVISION ONE**

Roman Legion	18	16	1	1	78	13	33	
AFC Oakley		15	2	0	87	19	32	
Flint United	19		3	2	69	21	31	
Wells Star	22	10	8	4	36	35	28	
Crescent Social	21	10	4	7	46	39	24	
	20	8	6	6	49	34	22	
Streatley Chequers	21	9	2	10	38	48	20	
Barbarians			3	12	38	61	17	
Casa Bianca (61)			5	10	35	45	15	
Kenilworth Rangers			3	16	26	69	9	
	20		1	16	28	75	7	
Luton BR			4	17	23	94	6	

### **DIVISION SIX**

A	P	Thames United	17	16	1	0	102	22	3
29	25				1	0	87	17	3
32	25				1	6	53	36	2
36	23				3	6	53	41	2
32	20				1	7	42	39	2
34	20				2	7	60	56	2
39	19				3	10	42	63	1
40	19				4	8	35	47	1
40	17						41	71	1
53	13				2	14	48	99	1
58	13				2	14	31	66	1
44	12				0	16	22	59	
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### **DIVISION THREE DIVISION SEVEN**

	P	W	U	L	-	A	P							
	23	14	5	4	73	36	33		P	W	D	L	F	1
ers R	21		5	2	66	38	33	Old Moat House Res	21	17	2	2	77	23
	20	14	3	3	66	32	31	Manor Rangers	22	15	3	4	77	35
	22	11	7	4	68	33	29	Royal Mail Luton	18	16	0	2	94	2
	21	10	6	5	43	30	26	Limbury United	20	12	2	6	76	5
	21	10	4	7	66	50	24	Magnum Res	20	11	3	6	59	3
e	21	6	7	8	52	61	19	Postels	21	7	4	10	39	5
	22	7	5	10	42	52	19	Red Lion	20	8	1	11	59	5
	22	6	4	12	42	57	16	Kenilworth Rgrs Res	22	7	1	14	41	7
	20	6	3	11	37	56	15	Markyate Res	19	4	5	10	38	5
Res	23	5	5	13	36	71	15	The Harrow	20	5	3	12	42	8
	21	5	2	14	46	64	12	Luton Rover	19	4	1	14	26	7

# A & B Sports SB Sunday League

PREMIE	PREMIER DIVISION													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P							
Moor Park	13	10	3	0	46	15	23	Inter-City						
Coach & Horses	13	9	3	1	53	19	21	Blackberry Jack						
Sundon Park Soc	16	9	2	5	47	38	20	Beds Yeoman						
Wheatsheaf	12	9	1	2	38	12	19	Painters Arms						
Chalton Strollers	9	7	2	0	35	7	16	Queen's Head						
Green Man Clophill	16	5	1	10	23	47	11	Winston Churchill						
RB Legion	15	4	2	9	19	42	10	Suspension Systems .						
Farley Eagles	16	4	1	11	18	30	9	Crown & Keg						
Emeralds	17	2	4	11	35	57	8	Windsor Castle						

# The Engine ..... Sugar Loaf Leagrave ...

DIVISION			0	M	F	Wanderers 2						2	17	20	117	
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\rms	17	14	1	2	82	13	29			P	W	D	L	F	A	
eacock	18	13	3	2	69	29	29		S. Park Soc Res	18	16	0	2	72	23	1
gles	17	13	1	3	67	23	27		Robin Hood	17	12	1	4	71	33	1
f Res	18	10	3	5	69	24	23		Vauxhall Griffin	15	11	1	3	65	26	2
own nwo	18	8	3	7	59	43	19		NV Athletic	17	11	1	5	57	33	1
ırms	18	9	1	8	49	46	19		Bromley Ath	17	10	0	7	58	49	
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ld	15	5	1	9	42	46	11		Air Express	18	5	1	12	34	59	K
	17	4	2	11	28	81	10		Engine Res	17	4	1	12	36	83	
Members	17	4	1	12	31	74	9		Northside	17	2	0	15	21	59	
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# Campri South Midlands League

### PREMIER DIVISION DIVISION ONE

Sandy Albion...

V B		S21-15		-	-	100000.000		
it I	Oxford City	35	28	3	4	113	36	87
h	Arlesey Town				6	93	37	84
- 10	Wingate		22		7	80	49	75
5.	Brache Sparta	32	21	5	6	73	30	68
	Hatfield Town		18	10	9	99	60	64
	*Hoddesdon	35	19	10	6	73	39	64
	Biggleswade Town	38	18	9	11	84	49	63
	MK Borough	33	17	7	9	70	40	58
	Shillington	36	17	7	12	53	49	58
	Harpenden Town	37	16	7	14	58	40	55
	Potters Bar Town	35	16	7	12	71	65	55
	Letchworth GC	36	16	6	14	65	55	54
	Totternhoe	36	12	12	12	52	54	48
	Langford	37	10	13	14	60	61	43
	Leverstock Green		12		15	51	53	41
	*Luton Old Boys	38	13	5	20	48	68	41
	Buckingham Athletic	34	9	7	18	56	82	34
	Welwyn GC	37	7	9	21	38	77	30
	Pitstone	36	9	3	24	39	93	30
	61FC Luton	36	7	5	24	42	105	26
	Pirton	36	4	6	26	28	100	18
	New Bradwell	36	. 0	1 1	32	16	120	A

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## RESERVE DIVISION ONE

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		P	W	D	L	F	A
	London Colney	35	23	8	4	110	34
	Arlesey Town	37	22	9	6	91	37
	Barton Rovers	35	20	9	6	59	29
	=Leighton Town		22	5	10	87	44
	Letchworth GC	36	19	6	11	81	66
	Potters Bar Town		17		11	76	53
			17	5	11	65	52
	Leverstock Green	32	14	11	7	68	45
	*Hatfield Town		17		12	87	58
	Brache Sparta				9	60	48
	*Shillington					57	54
	Biggleswade Town	37	11	11	15	46	69
	Harpenden Town	37	12	7	18	55	68
	Toddington Rovers				18	67	69
	Welwyn GC	37	11	6	20	52	87
	Totternhoe	29	9	10	10	43	51
	Pitstone			4	20	47	84
	*MK Borough	34	8	11	15	60	87
	Buckingham Ath	32	8	7	17	46	83
	61FC Luton	39	7	9	23	44	80
100	*Pirton		8	3	21	34	83
d.	Shefford Town	34	6	6	22	45	QC

=6 pts deducted \*3 pts deducted +1 pt deducted.

# **RESERVE DIVISION TWO**

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
*Oxford City	27	20	5	2	80	25	62
Ashcroft	27	17	8	2	64	23	59
Bedford United	24	13	6	5	60	39	45
Cranfield	23	12	5	6	42	29	41
Shenley	25	11	6	8	57	49	39
Delco	28	10	9	9	55	52	39
Flamstead	26	12	3	11	48	49	39
Risborough	26	11	5	10	51	40	38
Tring Ath	28	10		10	40	44	38
Stony Stratford	24	11	4	9	47	37	37
Potters Bar Cru	31	10		14	73	78	37
Winslow United	22	11	3	8	57	45	36
Caddington	22	8	9	5	51	38	33
*De Havilland	25	9	5	11	55	45	29
Ampthill Town	25	0300-70		15	38	65	2
Sandy Alb	24			17	34	72	1
*Walden Rgrs	26	11000		20	28	80	1
lckleford	24			20	22	04	1

# Cruel result — 'We were mugged again

summed up the defeat Chris Kamara, given a warm result. simply: "They got a break

Coach and former manager John Moore was more blunt: 'We played like mugs." he said. "We keep getting mugged, so there must be something the matter

The manager was able to find something positive despite the deep disappointment he felt over

k "We certainly thought that in general play we coped with a side all about goals. at the top end of the table," he

They deserved promotion three years ago, he recalled, when they won it on the field and lost it in a committee room of the Football League through failings off the pitch.

most of the play, but the game is

and David Preece ran the game. of our season: we always look good enough to hold teams

# Dixon had a shot defender. Hamon was were showing far more wave, but although deflected but from the putclear, but shot wide.

welcome back at one of his former clubs, agreed with that, and added that disappointed though he was at the result he

wished Swindon well.

Mr Pleat said: "We dominated

"But this has been a summary

higher up the league. But we have not got enough goals to make possession and our good Glenn Hoddle, the manager

who admires the Pleat brand of football, played sweeper for Swindon. He said: "For the first time this season I have to admit that we didn't play well. But at "We are defending well as a that we didn't play well. said, on a day when Swindon held team, and although we can have half time, when I looked team, and although we can have Luton players, I still had the feelon to fourth place in the First no complaints about the goal ing that we would win."

