



TOP HATTERS: Luton goal heroes John Hartson and Scott Oakes enjoy the limelight

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Luton 2, Newcastle 0

KEVIN Keegan generously saluted Luton as his humbled Magpies flew home with their feathers hopelessly ruffled last night.

Goals from 18-year-old John Hartson and Scott Oakes made Newcastle the latest big name FA Cup casualties.

But Keegan swallowed his massive disappointment and said: "I honestly hope Luton go all the way — and send us a couple of tickets for the final.

"It's the only way we are going to get there.

"The only time they've been in the final was 1959 and I think that's the first that I ever watched.

"Some of our entertainers had a night off — but what a Cup tie.

Kev salutes Pleat heroes

"People say Brazilian football is better and Spain is great. But give me an old fashioned Cup tie like that any day.

"Luton wanted it more than us. My young players learned that if you want to get to a Cup final you can't have a night off."

The first move Hartson made after he came off the pitch a hero was to ring his dad, once on Swansea City's books, back in Wales to tell him to get plenty of tickets

for the fifth round tie against their old enemy Cardiff on Sunday week.

And Oakes clinching second half goal that killed Newcastle off would have thrilled his dad, one-time lead guitarist of Showaddywaddy.

Delighted Luton boss David Pleat said: "We will try and make a weekend of it by getting tickets to watch Wales play France at rugby on the Saturday. Seriously though, my boys were great."