

DOUBLE DIXON



LUTON hero Kerry Dixon yesterday issued Chelsea a severe warning – watch out, I'll put you out of the FA cup.

Dixon, a former Chelsea player for eight seasons, scored twice in Luton's 2-0 victory over poor Peterborough at Kenilworth Road.

He gave the happy Hatters a superb psychological advantage for next Saturday's FA cup semi-final tie against Chelsea at Wembley.

However, after the match, Luton manager David Pleat revealed that he almost left Dixon out of the team.

"I was going to rest him and possibly include him in the team to travel to Grimsby on Monday," Pleat said.

It could not have been a better build-up for Luton who, in addition to clawing their way further out of possible relegation trouble in the lower reaches of the First Division,

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gave their fans a tremendous boost for the Wembley classic.

But although Luton won – and deservedly – it was not a classic performance by the Hatters.

Dixon tore Peterborough's defence to shreds with two superb goals, the first in the 29th minute when he converted John Hartson's header which bounced off the post.

But Dixon's best effort was reserved for the 78th minute with a ferocious volley, from Paul Telfer's cross, which keeper Fred Barber could not have seen until it hit the back of the net.

Luton, however, should have won more convincingly and could have done but for the heroics of the Demon Barber.

Pleat must have realised he would have made a mistake by excluding Dixon who has given Luton a splendid platform to reach the FA cup final for the first time in 35 years.

MATCH facts

Luton 2 (1)

Dixon (29), (78).

Posh 0 (0)

93/94

Bookings:

Posh: Iorfa (60)

Free kicks:

Luton 14, Posh: 12

Corners:

Luton 6, Posh 3

Shots on target:

Luton 9, Peterborough 2

Attendance:

8,398



MoM: Kerry Dixon

LUTON – Sommer, Thomas, Peake, Dreyer, James, Telfer, Harper, Preece (sub Campbell, 83), Dixon, Hartson (Rees 71), Oakes. Sub – Petterson (goal).

POSH – Barber, Williams (sub Magorry), Spearing, Greenman, Bradshaw, Welsh, Iorfa, McGlashan, Adcock, Charlery, Hackett (sub McGhee). Sub – Cooksey (goal).

REF – P Jones, Loughborough.