

Marshall misses the chance to save a point



DWIGHT Marshall missed the chance of rescuing a point for the Town in injury time when he shot weakly at the Tranmere Rovers goalkeeper after being put through by David Oldfield.

It came as a blow with the Town getting small reward for their efforts and underlines the reason why manager Terry Westley is out on the lookout for a striker.

The Town had a man of the cali-

bre they are seeking in John Alder who continues to crack them in despite advancing age, and was the man who gave the home side both points.

As Brian Swain reports, the Hatters won friends for their efforts and standard of play, but until their goals start flowing they are going to find it hard to break away from their desperate position at the foot of the First Division table.

Westley burns midnight oil in hunt for strikers

BRIAN SWAIN REPORTS - THE HUNT FOR A STRIKER - EXCLUSIVE

MANAGER Terry Westley returns to his desk at Kenilworth Road today hoping to hear that he has scored at last in his attempts to bring a striker to Luton Town.

Before leaving Luton at 6 am yesterday to go to Italy for tonight's match in Genoa, he was burning the midnight oil with approaches for two men.

The hope is that by tomorrow evening one could be a Luton Town player in time to turn out at Kenilworth Road on Saturday, against West Brom.

His targets are both six-footers, Keith Scott of Stoke and Paul Wilkinson of Middlesbrough, both of whom are currently out of their clubs' league sides.

Wilkinson, 30, has immense experience, with 140 goals scored in 433 league games for Grimsby, Everton, Nottingham Forest, Watford and Boro.

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TRANMERE ROVERS 1 LUTON TOWN 0 PRAISE APLENTY but no points was the cruel reward for Luton Town's trip to Merseyside.

They played a lot of sweet football, but with no punching power to complete it they are now bottom of the First Division again.

Bulgarian Bontcho Gunchev took the rap for mistakes at both ends of the field - he was accused by manager Terry Westley of not doing his job when he should have tracked back to defend in the build-up to the early goal.

And he had the travelling fans in despair with half-chances he never looked like taking.

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DEBUT DAY: Paul McLaren, 18, during the first full league appearance of his career, tries his luck with a drive which rose over the bar at Prenton Park.

Praise not points



WELCOME BACK: Scott Oakes in action for the first time this season, in the Town's match at Tranmere.

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