

# Sports News

## Soccer and boxing double for TV fans

TV COVERAGE of the Town's match is a bonus for fans whose loyalties include boxer Billy Scher as well as Luton Town.

With the soccer match switched to Sunday, it makes it a lot easier for them to get to London's Albert Hall on Saturday night to see the lightweight defend his Commonwealth title against Ditau Molefane of South Africa.

This week Luton's champ was easing down after intensive training for the fight, and said: "I can't wait to get into the ring. I'm in great shape, probably the best I have ever been, and feeling

very sharp."

The Scher fight is top of the bill, and is being televised live, but as always the army of fans from Luton, many of them Town fanatics as well, will put up a barrage of noisy support for their local hero.

Some tickets are still available, at between £20 and £50, and the boxer \$9829. He needs a good win on Saturday to keep on course for his next two ambitions: a tilt at the European title, and then another crack at a world championship.



## Pleat is told to dig deeper

EXCLUSIVE FROM KENILWORTH ROAD BY BRIAN SWAIN

FORMER Luton manager David Pleat has been turned down in an approach for Scott Oakes. The Sheffield Wednesday boss talked of a £1.3million valuation, and Town manager Terry Westley replied: "That's nowhere near enough - you will have to double it, at least, to make us even think about it."

Pleat, who recruited Oakes for Leicester City and then brought him to Kenilworth Road, revealed his thoughts in a Press briefing at Hillsborough on Friday.

Westley knew of Pleat's interest, but did not want public speculation to unsettle the former England under-21 international.

Sheffield Wednesday have hinted they are ready to trade, with striker Guy Whittingham as bait.

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## Unbridled joy salutes victory

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NOT SINCE David Pleat did his famous jig across Maine Road in 1983 has a Luton Town manager shown such unbridled and boyish pleasure as Terry Westley demonstrated at Portman Road on Sunday.

At the final whistle he was out of the dugout faster than a greyhound out of the traps to hug players who made his - and their - dreams come true.

For everyone involved it was a perfect day, not least for David Oldfield, the subject of cruel jeers in home matches.

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VICTORY MOMENT: Craig Forrest turns in anguish to see David Oldfield's effort hit the back of the net.  
MAGIC MOMENT: Terry Westley, once of Ipswich enjoys being a winner on his first visit as a manager.



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