

Hughes calms Luton

By Steve Tongue

Millwall 0
Luton 1

LUTON Town, relegated with Millwall last season, eventually began to believe they could beat them at the New Den last night and deservedly did so in the final minute with a low drive by Ceri Hughes that carried his team above the home side and Brentford to the top.

It was only their third away win of a season in which—like Wimbledon—they lost their first three games. Despite a 6-0 victory over Crewe on Saturday, Lennie Lawrence's side still seemed apprehensive for half an hour, but it soon became apparent that what Millwall's manager Jimmy Nicholl had called "a wee dodgy spell" was about to become a prolonged one.

The early promise of improved attacking potency offered by Mark Bright, on loan from Sheffield Wednesday, soon faded and after the first 30 minutes of a disappointing game, Luton's Ian Feuer was required to do no more than bare essentials.

From the time that Paul Hartley pulled Jason van Blerk's cross high into the stands, the home team did not threaten again. Their goalkeeper, Tim Carter, was not worked any harder for much of the time, but the visitors did at least manage to get themselves into more dangerous places.

Tony Thorpe, a prolific scorer since being employed in attack because of injuries, unwittingly set the tone in only the second minute, shooting wildly as Dwight Marshall slid an inviting pass into his path. Hughes shot over after a scramble in the six-yard box and Steve Davis wasted Mitchell Thomas's precise cross with a weak header.

As Luton grew in confidence, Julian James struck the inside of a post and, with the electric scoreboard showing five seconds to play, Hughes finished off a sustained attack with a well placed shot from 20 yards.

"It's a good scalp for us to take," said Lawrence. "We had six or seven chances and missed the lot until the last one. It's an ordinary division."

Nicholl was understandably glum after a third successive home game without a goal and a performance raucously criticised by the locals.

Millwall: Carter; Lavin, Sinclair Rogan, Van Blerk; Hartley (Savage 67), Neill (Harle 84), Newman, Dair (Dolby 84); Crawford, Bright. Booked: Dair.

Luton: Feuer; James, Davis, Johnson, Thomas; Alexander, Waddock, Hughes, Guentchev; Thrope, Marshall (Oldfield 89). Subs not used: Grant, McLaren.

Referee: G Singh (Wolverhampton).

FOOTBALL RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP

4th rd replays

Southampton .. (1) 3	Oxford (1) 2
Berkovic 21	Jemson 42
Dryden 52	B Ford 59
Ostenstad 58	10,737
Stockport (2) 2	West Ham (1) 1
Dowie 32 (og)	Dicks 22
Angell 27	9,834

REVISED QTR-FINAL DRAW.—Ipswich v Leicester, Middlesbrough v Liverpool, Bolton v Wimbledon, Stockport v Southampton (to be played week commencing Jan 6).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Sheff Wed	(0) 1	Man Utd	(0) 1
Carbone 57		Scholes 61	
37,671			

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Liverpool	18	6	3	1	22 9	5	1	2	13	8 37	
Arsenal	17	6	3	0	22 8	4	2	2	12	8 35	
Wimbledon	17	6	2	1	18 10	4	2	2	12	7 34	
Newcastle	17	5	1	2	19 10	4	2	3	8	9 30	
Aston Villa	17	5	2	1	11 5	4	1	4	11	10 30	
Man Utd	17	5	2	1	16 8	2	5	2	16	17 28	
Everton	17	4	1	3	16 9	3	5	1	10	11 27	
Chelsea	17	3	4	1	13 10	3	3	3	12	16 25	
Sheff Wed	17	3	5	1	9 7	3	2	3	9	12 25	
Tottenham	17	3	2	3	7 7	4	1	4	10	10 24	
Derby	17	4	2	3	11 10	1	5	2	8	10 22	
Leicester	17	3	1	4	8 12	3	2	4	9	10 21	
Leeds	17	4	1	4	8 9	2	2	4	7	11 21	
Sunderland	17	3	4	2	10 8	2	1	5	7	13 20	
West Ham	17	3	3	3	10 12	1	3	4	5	10 18	
Middlesbro'	18	2	4	3	13 13	1	2	6	8	20 15	
Blackburn	17	2	2	4	8 10	0	5	4	8	12 13	
Southampton	17	3	2	3	15 9	0	2	7	9	23 13	
Coventry	17	2	3	4	7 11	0	4	4	5	13 13	
Nottm Forest	17	0	5	3	5 11	1	2	6	9	18 10	

NATIONWIDE—Div 1

West Brom	(2) 5	Norwich	(0) 1
Hamilton 24, 51		O'Neill 89	
Hunt 44, 64		12,620	
Peschisolido 63			

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Bolton	23	8	3	1	26 11	3	6	2	20	21 42	
Sheff Utd	23	6	4	1	21 10	6	2	4	19	14 42	
Barnsley	22	7	3	2	25 12	4	5	1	16	14 41	
C Palace	23	5	3	3	23 11	4	6	2	24	13 36	
Oxford Utd	23	7	3	2	22 7	2	3	6	9	15 33	
Wolves	22	3	3	6	12 13	6	3	1	17	9 33	
Norwich	22	4	6	2	14 9	5	0	5	15	19 33	
Stoke	21	7	1	2	17 12	2	5	4	12	18 33	
Tranmere	23	6	2	3	23 15	3	3	6	8	14 32	
Birmingham	22	6	4	1	14 5	2	4	5	9	16 32	
QPR	23	4	3	5	15 14	4	4	3	14	14 31	
Port Vale	23	2	6	3	10 11	5	4	3	12	12 31	
Swindon	23	7	1	3	22 9	2	1	9	10	21 29	
Ipswich	23	4	5	2	17 15	3	3	6	12	18 29	
Portsmouth	23	6	3	3	18 11	2	2	7	10	19 29	
Charlton	22	6	2	3	16 13	3	0	8	8	19 29	
West Brom	22	2	5	4	16 17	4	5	2	17	17 28	
Huddersfield	23	6	3	2	17 8	1	4	7	9	23 28	
Reading	23	6	4	2	15 11	1	2	8	10	22 27	
Man City	22	6	1	4	16 14	2	1	8	10	21 26	
Southend	23	4	4	3	19 17	1	5	6	4	23 24	
Oldham	23	2	5	4	11 13	3	3	6	13	15 23	
Bradford	23	4	3	4	13 19	1	3	7	8	18 22	
Grimsby	22	3	2	6	12 21	2	4	5	12	20 21	

Division 2

Millwall	(0) 0	Luton	(0) 1
7,077		Hughes 89	

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Luton	23	10	0	2	25 6	3	4	4	16	19 43	
Brentford	23	6	5	0	23 13	6	2	4	14	11 43	
Millwall	24	8	2	2	18 10	3	6	3	15	14 41	
Bury	22	8	3	0	21 5	3	4	4	14	17 40	
Burnley	23	9	0	3	23 13	2	4	5	8	11 37	
Stockport	23	6	4	2	12 7	4	3	4	17	18 37	
Watford	22	4	5	2	11 10	5	5	1	14	9 37	
Chesterfield	22	6	2	2	12 8	5	2	5	10	9 37	
Wrexham	21	6	3	0	16 9	3	5	4	11	14 35	
Bristol City	22	7	3	2	26 8	2	4	4	11	16 34	
Crewe	22	9	0	2	23 7	2	1	8	6	20 34	
York	22	5	3	3	14 11	3	2	6	10	18 29	
Bristol Rovers	23	6	3	2	16 10	1	5	6	7	14 29	
Shrewsbury	23	4	3	4	11 14	3	4	5	17	21 28	
Preston	23	7	3	2	18 11	1	1	9	6	16 28	
Gillingham	23	5	3	4	17 15	2	2	7	6	14 26	
Walsall	22	6	4	2	16 8	1	1	8	6	18 26	
Bournemouth	23	4	2	6	12 15	3	3	5	9	13 26	
Blackpool	23	3	6	1	13 10	2	4	7	9	17 25	
Plymouth	23	3	7	2	12 12	2	2	7	14	21 24	
Peterborough	23	2	5	4	23 21	2	4	6	9	20 21	
Notts County	22	3	4	4	11 10	2	2	7	4	13 21	
Wycombe	23	5	2	5	10 10	0	3	8	8	23 20	
Rotherham	22	3	4	4	8 8	0	3	8	10	25 16	

BELL'S SCOTTISH—Prem

Dunfermline	P	Celtic	P
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WORLD CUP—European Qual

Group 6

Malta	(0) 0	Spain	(3) 3				
6,000		Guerrero 9, 26, 34					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	5	4	1	0	15	3	13
Yugoslavia	5	4	0	1	18	4	12
Slovakia	4	3	0	1	12	5	9
Czech Rep	3	1	1	1	6	1	4
Faroe Islands	5	0	0	5	5	22	0
Malta	4	0	0	4	0	21	0

RESULTS: Yugoslavia 3, Faroe Islands 1—Yugoslavia 6, Malta 0—Faroe Islands 1, Slovakia 2—Faroe Islands 2, Spain 6—Czech Rep 6, Malta 0—Slovakia 6, Malta 0—Faroe Islands 1, Yugoslavia 8—Czech Rep 0, Spain 0—Slovakia 3, Faroe Islands 0—Yugoslavia 1, Czech Rep 0—Spain 4, Slovakia 1—Spain 2, Yugoslavia 0—Malta 0, Spain 3.

FIXTURES.—Feb 12: Spain v Malta. March 31: Malta v Slovakia. April 2: Czech Rep v Yugoslavia. April 30: Malta v Faroe Islands, Yugoslavia v Spain. May 21: Slovakia v Czech Rep. June 8: Spain v Czech Rep, Yugoslavia v Slovakia, Faroe Islands v Malta. Aug 20: Czech Rep v Faroe Islands. Sept 6: Faroe Islands v Czech Rep. Sept 10: Slovakia v Yugoslavia. Sept 24: Malta v Czech Rep, Slovakia v Spain. Oct 11: Malta v Yugoslavia, Spain v Faroe Islands, Czech Rep v Slovakia.

ASIAN CUP (Abu Dhabi)—Semi-finals: Saudi Arabia 0, Iran 0 (Saudi Arabia win 4-3 on pens)—United Arab Emirates 1, Kuwait 0.

HOLLAND: Feyenoord 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0—Fortuna Sittard 2, NAC Breda 2.

ITALY.—Cup, qtr-final: Inter Milan 1, Juven-