

TOWN SUB: David Oldfield for Dwight Marshall seconds after the last-minute goal. Unused: Kim Grant and Paul McLaren. MILLWALL: David Savage for Paul Hartley, 66 minutes; Tony Dolby for Lucas Neill and Michael Harle for Jason Dair, both after 83 minutes.



Full match details

THE GOALS: Ceri Hughes with his fifth of the season, 89minutes and 45seconds, but 50 seconds before the final whistle blew: careful low drive into the bottom corner from the edge of the penalty area after he had taken a pass from Gary Waddock and forced his way past David Sinclair.

OTHER ATTEMPTS: Town two saved, seven wide

and cracking cross-shot by Julian James beat the keeper to the wide but came back off the far post, with no-one near enough to convert the rebound. Millwall two saved and three wide.

CORNERS: 7-3 to Millwall.

FOULS: Town 14 Millwall 8.

OFFSIDE: Town 4 times, Millwall 12, thanks to a

well-organised Town defence and a brainless response by Millwall's front runners.

BOOKED: Jason Dair of Millwall for a 66th-minute

tackle on Graham Alexander, who had given him a bit of a chasing.
REFEREE: Gurnham Singh, Wolverhampton: a very

finicky man, but consistent.

ATTENDANCE: 7,077, with the 774 from Luton mak-

ing most noise, contributing almost 100 per cent of the atmosphere and thoroughly enjoying the winning sting in the tail, and the Town's first-ever victory at the New Den. Their last away win over Millwall was at Cold Blow Lane in 1978 (2-0, David Moss got them both).

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ENTERTAINMENT: A hard and uncompromising contest, with Millwall having little to offer beyond endeavour and sagging confidence, and the Town taking a long time to make their second half superiority count. But it did, and the league table, with the Town in first place, was a lovely Christmas present, even if it did last only three days until Brentford

stumbled to a 0-0 home draw with Preston.