

RUSH JOB WRECKS WEMBLEY DREAMS

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A PLAYER who cannot get into his First Division club's league team shattered Luton Town's Wembley dreams at Sixfields on Tuesday. The Hatters were

favourites to beat Third Division opposition, but left manager Lennie Lawrence furious with a lacklustre and spineless display.

A miserable Auto Windscreens Shield show ended with an 88th-minute goal by Matthew Rush, who is on loan from Norwich.

"That must be the loan deal of the season," said Lawrence after Rush's man of the match display.

Ineffective

"We deserve to be out of the tournament. We were ineffective and Northampton deserved to win."

More than 1,000 Luton fans went to see the club's first-ever match at Sixfields, and had a miserable night as the Cobblers showed that hard work and endeavour could see off a side with Second Division promotion ambitions.

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Kim Grant and Dwight Marshall were brought into the side. It was their chance to stake claims for regular places, but it was a night when collectively they and the whole team blew it.

Marshall forced a good save out of Andy Woodman late in the first half, and Grant fired a chance wide early in the second.

No threat

Otherwise there was no real threat, and an ever-rising tide of commitment by the Cobblers finished Luton.

Marvin Johnson was lucky to escape with a yellow card when he brought down Christian Lee on the edge of the box, but the free kick was touched off for Rush to hammer in a top-quality winner.