



● Double trouble: (left) Mitchell Thomas picked up a second-half booking for this challenge on Martin Taylor, while (right) Dwight Marshall fires a shot wide of goal.

■ Doom and gloom: Feuer offered transfer on yet another bad day for the Hatters

Writing on wall as vandals brush with Kohler



● On the charge: David Oldfield in midfield action.

Luton 0 Wycombe 0
Report by PETE KENYON
ANGRY fans daubed paint all over chairman David Kohler's driveway – in protest at the sale of top scorer Tony Thorpe.

'Kohler out!' was splashed all over the driveway of the chairman's Radlett home – as well as at bus stops throughout the town.

But it is difficult to see the hate campaign dwindling as Hatters manager Lennie Lawrence announced yet another top name exit – goalkeeper Ian Feuer.

The giant American – dropped after a series of poor performances – will be sold to anyone who stumps up the cash.

"We have not had one single offer yet, so a return to America for Ian looks the most likely option," said Lawrence.

And the mountain of problems off the pitch continued on it as Hatters stuttered to a goalless draw against unambitious Wycombe.

With Plymouth beating Preston, Hatters slipped back into the relegation mire, and without hotshot Tony Thorpe they look doomed.

Wycombe keeper Martin Taylor didn't

have a serious save to make all afternoon, as Hatters' powder-puff attack misfired yet again.

Since Thorpe's untimely departure, Luton look about as likely to trouble the scorers as an English touring side in the Caribbean.

With the sides all around them at least hitting the target, it is difficult to see Luton surviving the dreaded drop.

True, Wycombe came to frustrate and snatch a draw, but Luton just didn't create enough to deserve victory for all their possession.

The time has now come for Lennie Lawrence to give Andrew Fotiadis a start – what more does he have to do to prove he is Hatters' best, last and only hope of scoring the goals needed to stay in Division Two?

Hatters had their chances, but an attack of Oldfield, Gray and Marshall consistently fired efforts straight at the keeper.

Young Sean Evers had a left-foot volley well palmed to safety by Taylor on 12 minutes and 10 minutes later Phil Gray planted a free header straight at Taylor.

Luton's best chance came just before the half hour. Steve Davis played a long ball into the box, Gray's deft first-time pass picked out Marshall, who sprang the offside trap but fired a first-time shot wide of the far post from a tight angle.

Paul McLaren should have done better on 53 minutes, but after the ball came to his feet

on the edge of the penalty area, with the goalkeeper on the floor, he blasted high and wide.

Fotiadis was given a 25-minute run-out coming on for the ineffective Marshall, but by the end of 90 minutes Luton's at times neat approach play never looked likely to earn a goal.

Wycombe's first attempt on goal came on 76 minutes – but Keith Scott's header drifted wide of an upright, though he should have done better.

Seven minutes from time the visitors notched up their only shot on target – forcing virtual spectator Kelvin Davis into his first serious action of the match.

Phil Gray might have sealed the points in injury time after getting on the end of a Fotiadis knock-down on the edge of the box – but once again the shot had venom but lacked direction and went straight at Taylor.

Lennie Lawrence said afterwards: "We have improved in defence and showed good commitment, but to say we lack a cutting edge is a massive understatement. Too many times we passed up shooting opportunities and too often we just stand and watch."

Luton: K Davis, Alexander, Thomas, Spring (Davies 73), S Davis, Patterson, Evers, McLaren, Oldfield, Gray, Marshall (Fotiadis 64). Sub not used: Waddock.

Attendance: 6,114. Men of the match: The back four; they at least earned Luton a point.