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## Michael McIndoe

Hatters midfielder Michael McIndoe has been promised a first-team run by Lennie Lawrence. Lawrence has also named other young players who might figure in coming weeks. See page 40



## Billy Bingham

FORTY years ago Luton Town's Northern Ireland star Billy Bingham scored the goal against Norwich that booked the Hatters only ever appearance in the FA Cup final. See page 38



## Tony Thorpe

LOAN striker Tony Thorpe could miss Saturday's game with Northampton and other matches after pulling a hamstring against Oldham on Good Friday. See page 40



## Billy Schwer

BILLY Schwer will have two Chapel Street stable mates at York Hall when he defends his European lightweight title against Italian Sandro Cassamonica on May 2. See page 41

# City slickers!

## Hatters fight back after early reverse

### LUTON TOWN 2 YORK CITY 1

STUART DOUGLAS earned Luton Town all three points against relegation-threatened York City with a late scrambled goal last night.

The Hatters' striker ruined the evening for City's caretaker boss Neil Thompson who had fired the visitors ahead with a 20th minute free kick.

Matthew Spring equalised with his third of the season on 51 minutes and Douglas netted a dramatic winner after earlier shooting woefully wide of an open goal.

The result all but secures the Hatters' second division status.

Lennie Lawrence brought in Michael McIndoe and Andrew Fotiadis for injured pair Paul McLaren and Tony Thorpe.

The Hatters dominated the early stages with Phil Gray prominent as an intelligent link man. He went close to opening the scoring after just three minutes with a neat chest and volley that beat York's veteran keeper Bobby Mimms but drifted just wide.

Mimms went on to deny Gray after 23 minutes and blocked a Fotiadis effort moments later but it was York who went ahead with their first shot on target.

Marvin Johnson was harshly adjudged to have fouled City's Marc Williams on 28 minutes. But City full-back Neil Thompson seemingly had no sense of justice.

The ex-Ipswich Town defender slammed in a tremendous left-footed free kick that rocketed into Kelvin Davis's top corner from 25 yards.

Williams spurned a chance to put the visitors two ahead straight after the break when he danced through Gavin McGowan

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and Chris Willmott challenges but shot badly wide.

Spring showed the York striker the route to goal on 51 minutes, netting a perfectly floated lob over Mimms from 25 yards after Fotiadis had pressured Martin Garratt into a poor clearance.

Alan Pouton wasted

another opportunity for the visitors, shooting straight at Davis before Douglas produced the miss of the season at the other end.

The Hatters striker did well to close down Thompson's short back pass but, after blocking Mimms' attempted clearance, he desperately dragged his shot wide of an empty net with 17-year-

old substitute Tresor Kandol also queuing up to complete the formality.

Kandol caused problems in the visitors' penalty box with his height, Douglas almost profiting minutes later from the teenager's knock-down only to miss his header and fail to atone for his earlier error.

The promising Hatters substitute then had an excellent 30-yard strike

pushed wide by Mimms before Douglas finally got his name on the score sheet.

Sean Dyche's long punt upfield caused panic in the visitors' penalty box with Douglas emerging from a crowd of players, including Mimms, to stoop low and head into an empty goal.

Star man: Matthew Spring.

HALF CHANCE: Phil Gray lines up for a scoring attempt at Kenilworth Road last night.

Picture: JANE SHERLOCK



### Big match line-up

**HATTERS:** Kelvin Davis, Chris Willmott, Mitchell Thomas, Matthew Spring, Sean Dyche, Marvin Johnson, Phil Gray, Andrew Fotiadis (Tresor Kandol, 69), Stuart Douglas, Michael McIndoe, Gavin McGowan. Subs: Andre Scarlett, Alan White. **YORK:** Bobby Mimms, Matthew Hocking, Neil Thompson, Scott Jordan, Barry Jones, Chris Fairclough, Alan Pouton, Martin Garratt, Marc Williams, Rodney Rowe (Neil Tolson, 86), Andrew Dawson. Subs: Wayne Hall, Mark Tinkler. Referee: Chris Foy of St Helens. Attendance: 4,667.

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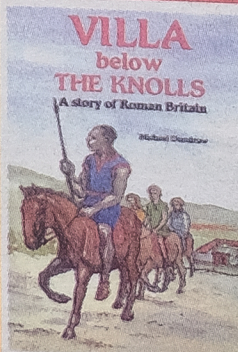


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