

v Luton Town



LUTON TOWN (3) 3 BEES (0) 1

Luton Town team:

Abbey, Holmes, Boyce, McLaren, Watts, Taylor, Locke (Breitenfelder 19), Spring, George (Brennan 87), Douglas (Thomson 45), Stein.

Subs not used: Kandol & Owendale.

Scorers: Douglas 16, 30, Spring 36 pen.

Bees team:

Gottskalksson, Crowe (Folan 75), Gibbs, Quinn, Marshall, Ingimarsson, Evans (Williams 57), Mahon, Partridge (Pinamonte 63), Rowlands, Scott.

Subs not used: P Smith & Theobald.

Scorer: Scott 73.

Referee:

S Dunn

Attendance: 5,382

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Luton Town manager **RICKY HILL** said:

We emphasised at half time that we should treat it as 0-0 and you say all the old clichés, but subconsciously in the players' minds at 3 up they ease off. It shows that we still have a way to go, and still show some anxiety, even though we're 3-0 ahead. I was disappointed in the second period at how many times we turned the ball over and gave it to them, but having said that we still managed to get in situations where we got good crosses into the area and we had balls flashing across the goal, but nothing really precise.

For their goal, these old habits keep coming in. The day that Chris Ramsey and I came here, I said to Chris that I'd seen Luton play many times last year and they played the offside trap a bit hari-kari at times. The golden rule is that if there's no pressure on the ball, the back three players drop off and keep their forwards in front of them. For whatever reason, we decided to squeeze up – then one straight ball has put someone 25 yards clear and Nathan Abbey has got it all to do to save us, and he can't always do that. It was not his fault, though, it was good play by the forward and a good finish.

