

# HOWARD'S WAY JUST PERFECT

**LUTON** Town were in seventh heaven when their seventh successive victory enabled them to creep within two points of league leaders Plymouth.

The Hatters now need just two more wins to equal a club record of nine straight set in 1977.

It wasn't as easy as the scoreline suggests with home keeper Carl Emberson tasting action first after just three minutes, making a comfortable save from Christian Roberts' hopeful long-range volley.

Steven Howard then blazed over at the other end and Adrian Forbes headed narrowly wide after Kevin Nicholls' free kick.

Luton went ahead after 27 minutes when Howard headed home from another Nicholl's free kick.

**Luton 3** 01/02

**Exeter 0**



Exeter keeper Arjan Van Heusden pulled off a fine save to deny Forbes after a low corner from the impressive Nicholls.

But the Hatters doubled their lead on 65 minutes with Howard's second of the night.

Chris Coyne's header from Nicholls' corner was blocked, but the ball ran to Howard, who scored at the second attempt.

Luton made it 3-0 on 79 minutes when another perfectly-floated Nicholls free kick was met by Taylor, whose header looped over the keeper.

Howard went close to his first Luton hat-trick on 89 minutes, but his 20-yard drive went inches over.