

HATS OFF!

LUTON, Town, who had clinched promotion away at Swansea the previous weekend, celebrated in style at home with an 11th successive league victory.

Luton 5 01/02

Mansfield 3



French winger Jean Louis Valois beat Stags keeper Kevin Pilkington to spark the goal rout after 10 minutes.

Mansfield levelled straight from the kick-off when target man Andy White rounded home keeper Carl Emberson and on-loan Derby midfielder Adam Murray rolled the loose ball into an empty net.

The Hatters went back in front after 21 minutes when Dean Crowe ran off his marker to get a deft touch on Valois' firmly driven free-kick.

Skipper Kevin Nicholls made it 3-1 from the penalty spot in 29 minutes after Emmerson Boyce had his shirt tugged by Mansfield winger Wayne Corden.

Rampant Luton scored a fourth five minutes later when defender Chris Coyne started a move that was superbly finished off by Steven Howard.

Mansfield pulled a goal back on 41 minutes through Scott Sellars, but Howard got his second, and Luton's fifth, just after the break.

Chris Greenacre grabbed an injury-time consolation for Mansfield.

STEVE HOWARD

