

THRASHING DESERVED

STAND-IN skipper Mark Greaves admitted Hull City's players had no room for complaint after their crushing 4-0 defeat against title-chasing Luton Town at Boothferry Park on Saturday and admitted: "We got what we deserved!"

Greaves, who took over the captaincy from the injured Justin Whittle, was one of the few City players to emerge with any credit in what proved to be a baptism of fire for new boss Jan Molby.

The defender said: "We were second best in every department and thoroughly deserved to get beat.

"We had a couple of chances early doors, but then Luton took charge and there was nothing we could do."

Greaves confessed defensive lapses had cost City two goals in the first half as Luton built a formidable lead and

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eventually coasted to a win which took the to the top of the Third Division.

The visitors took the lead when Matt Taylor exposed the right side of City's defence to set up the first of Steve Howard's hat-trick, while the second stemmed from a mix-up between Jason Van Blerk and Paul Musselwhite.

Greaves added: "For their first goal, we allowed them to get the cross in far too easily. It was a fantastic cross, though, and all credit to the lad. The second goal was a disaster from our point of view. I thought Jason was one of our better players today but he just got caught out.

"In the second half, I thought we did reasonably well but then we were caught again. They stepped up a gear and we couldn't cope. The third was a fantastic goal and they rubbed it in with a fourth."

Greaves also admitted City's players

missed an opportunity to impress the new manager, particularly as the Tigers' management have warned there will be cut-backs to come.

He explained: "You'd think a new manager coming in would spark something but Saturday showed we lack confidence. I still say our squad and Luton's are not a million miles apart.

"There are still three games left, starting with Rochdale tomorrow, and we've got to get something from somewhere to give ourselves a chance and to give the fans something to cheer.

"We've got a big squad, but to be fair we're beset by injuries. There are probably more lads sat in the stand than there are playing.

"It's heads up now - we've got to come back from this. There's no point sulking for the rest of the season. It's back to work on Monday. It's a new week and hopefully things will go better at Rochdale."

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