

Moss back to spoil party

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Luton Town 0 Macclesfield 0

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ONCE a Luton Town star, David Moss returned as a manager to Kenilworth Road and guided his team to a gritty draw which might have ended Luton's hopes of taking the third division title.

The fans still made it a party day, with Luton already promoted, but Moss's thoughtful defensive tactics stopped Luton from extending their club record run of 12 consecutive victories.

They kept leading scorer Steve Howard quiet and with Luton a notch below their best, neither side looked like breaking the stalemate.

Dean Crowe missed an early chance for Luton with a wild off-target volley which might have changed the pattern of the game.

But in the last minute Macclesfield's counter attacking tactics almost gave

them a winner when defender Michael Welch took time out from marking Howard to move up into attack. He produced a thundering drive which brought the best save of the game from Luton goalkeeper Carl Embson.

Between those early and late threats the defenders looked fairly comfortable against attackers who were usually outnumbered.

Moss played in the last Luton team to win promotion, to the old first division 20 years ago, which was the beginning of the most successful decade in Luton's history.

He was given a warm welcome by the fans but said later: "It was a wonderful reception but I came here to spoil the party.

"I have lovely memories of Luton but now my main concern is Macclesfield. I am pleased with that performance and with the point and also pleased with the progress we have made."