King bemoans a lack of passion 2/03

Luton 3 Swindon 0

By Duncan Bond

A VICTORY which was as comfortable as the result suggests pushed Luton away from the relegation zone but added to the problems of Swindon's manager Andy King.

King began his career as a boy at Luton nearly 30 years ago and expected to see a bit of fight from Swindon.

Instead he could make no excuses for the display which left Swindon nursing the unenviable record of losing seven of their last eight league games.

They never looked like improving on that at Luton and King said: "I have never seen us fold so easily. Too many players were lack-lustre. The front three didn't play to their strengths. I didn't think we defended very well, and the midfield were useless."

Only goalkeeper Bart Griemink rose above mediocrity. He made three superb reflex saves to deny Andrew Fotiadis a first half hat-trick but to do nothing about Steven Howard's 14th minute strike.

Fotiadis struck his first goal of the season 64 seconds after the interval.

Steve Robinson converted a penalty after a rash challenge by Andy Gurney on Dean Crowe.