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Luton 2 Cardiff 0

JOE KINNEAR claimed another scalp to keep Luton in the Division Two play-off picture.

The Hatters boss has made a habit of showing up the big guns.

And he was delighted to add money-bags Cardiff, owned by his former chairman Sam Hammam, to his list.

Kinnear said: "That's another major side that we've turned over now — we haven't lost to anyone in the top seven.

"Cardiff have spent a few quid, so I'm happy to have taken four points from them this season."

Despite battering the Bluebirds for most of the game, it took the Hatters until the 80th minute to get their noses in front.

Tony Thorpe placed his shot into the bottom corner and Steven Howard tied up victory with a spectacular volley late on.

Outclassed

Kinnear added: "I decided we would go at them gung-ho and they couldn't deal with it.

"I had nine men out injured but the lads worked incredibly hard for each other.

"I only expected to get two points from our games with Bristol City and Cardiff. So to have four in the bag has made it a very happy Christmas."

Cardiff chief Lennie Lawrence, who managed Luton for almost five years, admitted his side were outclassed.

He said: "We were holding our own in the first half but the second period was a different story.

"We conceded more chances than in any other game since I've been at the club."