

Luton 1 Wycombe 0

LUTON completed their second victory of the season over Wycombe thanks to Matthew Spring as the Hatters ran out 1-0 winners.

The midfielder rifled home for the second game in succession, converting a close-range chance after 57 minutes following Tony Thorpe's skilful build-up.

After a scrappy, bad-tempered start in which five players were booked, Luton took control and never looked in danger of finishing the game with less than three points.

The winning margin could have been wider but goalkeeper Frank Talia made fine saves to deny Emmerson Boyce and Steve Howard on two occasions.

Ahmet Brkovic also wasted a good chance at the near post and Wycombe's only shot on target came in the second half with Carl Emberson diving to hold Steve Brown's effort.

Manager Joe Kinnear was

delighted with his side's win and believed the Hatters were well worth all three points.

He said: "We can work very hard. They are a big side but there wasn't much fluency about them.

"We had worked in training at defending the long throws and we coped with them. There's always a danger that something might fall unkindly for you and the opposition may nick something, but our goalkeeper had almost nothing to do.

"We always looked likely to score and we should have punished them more. In the last 20 minutes we could have racked up two or three goals but the three points are valuable especially as other results have gone for us."

In contrast, Wanderers boss Lawrie Sanchez insisted his side should have won had they converted their chances.

He said: "We were the better team in the first half. We did

everything right except taking our chances.

"I'm disappointed for our lads because they worked very hard and the only difference was that Luton put the ball in the net and we didn't."



MATTHEW SPRING