

Impressive Parkin finds decider

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Swindon 2 Luton 1

SAM Parkin bagged his 25th league goal of the season as Swindon came from behind to record an impressive 2-1 final day victory over Luton.

Striker Parkin netted the second of two goals in as many first half minutes to reach the milestone tally. The former Chelsea trainee headed home from four yards out after racing on to Junior Lewis' right wing free kick.

Luton went ahead when striker Tony Thorpe scored his 16th goal of the season on the half-hour.

Thorpe headed the Hatters in front after Emmerson Boyce had nodded Steve Howard's cross into his path.

But the visitors' joy was short-lived as Swindon midfielder Stefani Miglioranza drew Andy King's men level with a

ferocious strike before Parkin scored the winner shortly after.

Swindon manager King paid tribute to top scorer Parkin.

Parkin's strike capped a remarkable first season in Swindon colours but will do little to ease King's fears that a move back to the top-flight may not be too far away.

He said: "That was not Parkin's best performance but what he has done for us this season is phenomenal.

"He is as good as anyone in his position and his goals have been invaluable to us.

"As a team that was not a fantastic performance but we showed great character to get the victory."

King added: "It was a difficult end-of-season game with nothing to play for but we showed more desire than our opposition.

"We looked hungrier, more committed and more motivated than Luton and we were the better team."

Luton manager Joe Kinnear looked unfazed at his side's lack of effort as he did his best to avoid reporters at the post-match press conference.

Kinnear, who sneaked out the back door before eventually being hauled off, said: "That defeat means nothing to me.

"We have been waiting for the season to end for a few weeks now and I'm just relieved it's all over.

"There was nothing for either team to play for and I can't imagine it would have been good to watch but it's all about building for next season now.

"The players in this squad are not good enough to win promotion as we have shown this season so changes must be made."