



NO ARM DONE . . . Curtis (right) halts Ricketts

King Curtis is ready to climb

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Luton 0 Leeds 0

CURTIS DAVIES showed just why he was voted the outstanding player in League One last season by his fellow players.

The 20-year-old central defender, released as a teenager by Wimbledon, turned in a rock-solid display as promoted Luton made it seven points from their opening three games.

Davies superbly shackled Michael Ricketts and, when the former England striker was substituted, the young Hatter did a similar job on Northern Ireland international David Healy.

Little wonder Premiership clubs are keeping keen eyes on him.

Davies said: "I want to play in the Premiership and international football just like any other player.

"The club would not want to hold on to me if someone comes in and offers silly money.

"They can't afford to turn that sort of bid down because they could buy three or four new players with it.

Action

"And if that's what is needed to take this club on to the next level then they should do it.

"I've heard the speculation but there's no action at the moment."

Luton have already shown they can deal with what the Championship can throw at them.

This draw follows impressive wins over Premiership dropouts Crystal Palace and Southampton. So do not expect Davies to worry about any big-name opponents.

He said: "I don't think about who I'm playing against. I just try to do my job.

"We're happy with seven points from three games but we should have beaten Leeds. The fans were saying four points from our opening

three games would be a good return.

"But we know we have a good squad here and the football we are capable of playing."

Luton could have seen off Leeds but Steve Howard's shot hit a post and Leeds keeper Ian Bennett pulled off a fine fingertip save to keep out Kevin Nicholls' curling free-kick.

Luton midfielder Ahmet Brkovic said: "We played well against Palace and Southampton and we've no fear now.

"We had more confidence because we've proved we can do well in this division and we're playing with no nerves."

Leeds, lacking a sharper cutting edge, rarely troubled Luton. Their biggest threat was an Eddie Lewis free-kick that narrowly missed.

Full-back Dan Harding insists there is plenty more to come.

He said: "This is the first time anyone has been able to stop Luton scoring for 20 games so that's a decent feat in itself and we have to take the positives.

"Everywhere we go clubs are going to look at Leeds as a scalp and we have to deal with that."

SUN STAR MAN

CURTIS DAVIES (Luton). So solid in defence.