



ON A MISSION . . . Jerome races past Marcus Heikkinen

Morgan's full of Hatter-tude

Cardiff 1 Luton 2

DEAN MORGAN doomed plucky Cardiff, then insisted: I ain't got attitude, I've got Hatter-tude!

Midfielder Morgan lashed in a first-half leveller as Mike Newell's Hatters stormed five points clear of fourth placed Wolves.

Newly-promoted Luton are just three points behind Reading – the team that shipped Morgan out during the summer.

Morgan, 22 today, said: "I've heard all about my so-called attitude but it's just not true.

"Yes, I felt frustrated until Luton put their faith in me. But I was a late starter. I never played the game until I was 13 and just had kickabouts on the local astroturf.

"I just want show I can cope on the big stage."

Tottenham-born Morgan was lined up to join Spurs by Glenn Hoddle's sidekick John Gorman – now boss of Wycombe – just before Hoddle and Gorman were sacked.

Grief

Morgan ended up at Colchester.

He said: "That's where the 'attitude' thing started. A lot of young players took grief but I wouldn't let people p*** on me.

"At Reading I never got a good run in the side under Steve Coppell.

"I couldn't believe it when he said he was releasing me because he had to make savings – then buys Leroy Lita for £1million."

Boss Newell said: "I can tell you Morgan does

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not have 'attitude'. I wanted him years ago but Luton were in administration and we didn't have the money."

Morgan owed his third goal of the season to a linesman.

Ahmet Brkovic crossed from the right on the half-hour.

Striker Steve Howard, clearly offside, made no effort to connect and Morgan, sprinting inside marker Rhys Weston, drilled the ball past keeper Neil Alexander.

Ref Mike Jones checked with his assistant before signalling the goal.

Michael Ricketts fired Cardiff into a ninth-minute lead after good link-up play with striker Cameron Jerome.

Peter Holmes marked his first start of the season by scrambling home a 57th-minute winner.

SUN STAR MAN

KEVIN NICHOLLS (Luton), Cap'n Colossus.