



WHAT A MISS: Luton's Paul Underwood holds his head in disbelief as he leaps over Watford keeper Ben Foster after firing wide



M POWER: Malky Mackay (centre) celebrates after scoring Watford's second

# BULLIES

## Newell slams Watford tactics in demolition derby

**MIKE NEWELL** slammed 10-man Watford's bully-boy tactics after their derby triumph at Kenilworth Road.

The Luton boss was furious at the Hornets' strong-arm approach and told opposing boss Adrian Boothroyd that his brand of football will not attract the punters to Vicarage Road.

He also hit out at what he saw as Watford's diving and play-acting in front of referee Iain Williamson in an ill-tempered clash.

First-half strikes by Darius Henderson and Malky Mackay were enough for Boothroyd's side despite Carlos Edwards pulling on back in the second half for the Hatters.

Watford also had youngster Ashley Young sent off in the 66th minute for retaliating to Kevin Foley's over-zealous challenge. Newell blasted:

### Luton Town 1 Watford 2

By AIDAN MAGEE

"Cheating is not a word I can use because I'll end up in hot water. But it's not what I would like to watch every week.

"We have an honest bunch of

players and I wouldn't have it any other way. But their style of football won't bring the crowds back.

"Should we have attacked them more when they went down to 10 men? Maybe. But it's hard when they're lying about all over the place? If my players were down when they weren't injured I'd have them off and they wouldn't play for me again.

"The free-kick for their second goal should never have been given because it was a dive. I've never seen two linesmen run a game as much as today.

"I was wondering whether I needed to tell my lads to start diving around all over the place.

"We lost the game in the first half but we should have had a penalty late on. We got no decisions today.

"Watford got the result and I think they made their

intentions pretty clear from the kick-off.

"That's the way they play, they're effective and they're not great to watch. They're getting results and you can see how they've got them."

Watford took an eighth-minute lead when Marlon King's knock-down on the edge of the box was smashed in by Henderson.

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The Hornets silenced the home crowd again in the 29th minute when Mackay connected with Anthony McNamee's free-kick from the right.

Ref Williamson was unsure whether to give the goal but his linesman was certain it crossed the line.

Four minutes into the second half Luton hit back when Edwards drilled a low shot beyond Ben Foster.

But both before and after Young's dismissal Luton lacked the purpose to get back in the game and found

Watford midfield hardman Gavin Mahon in imperious form.

There was more controversy at the end when Williamson appeared to blow his whistle long before the allotted four-minute stoppage period had expired.

Boothroyd said: "It wasn't a particularly good performance and from it I can see that there is a lot more work to do for us.

"I thought Ashley deserved to be sent off. You can't do things like that and he will be punished internally.

"We've had to suffer teams managing the game all season and the best teams at doing that in our league are Reading and Sheffield United.

"We're learning how to manage games and when you do that it becomes easier to win the game when you've not played well.

"All we did was take the sting out of the game. Luton have done exceptionally well this season and they'll bounce back."



OFF DAY: Watford's Ashley Young is shown the red card