

WOLVES

PLAYER RATINGS

STEFAN POSTMA 8/10

Made a number of routine first-half saves, commanded area

MAURICE ROSS 6/10

Got down the flanks and early cross should have been converted

ROB EDWARDS 5/10

Started the move which led to Ince's winner

JODY CRADDOCK 4/10

Suffered a torrid time at the hands of Vine and Howard

JOLEON LESCOTT 6/10

Competent display, but struggled to deal with physical Luton hitmen

MARK KENNEDY 6/10

Went close with a powerful first-half effort

MARK DAVIES 7/10

Deserved to score first professional goal, assured display

TOM HUDDLESTONE 8/10

On-loan Spurs midfielder was unfortunate not to score early on

PAUL INCE 7/10

Struggled before the break, but bagged brilliant late winner

CARL CORT 6/10

His initial shot was saved, allowing Mark Davies to score

LEON CLARKE 6/10

Solid effort before eventually being substituted

SUBSTITUTES

Ioan Ganea - Little time 6
Subs not used - Oakes, Anderton, Seol, Ricketts

LUTON TOWN

PLAYER RATINGS

MARLON BERESFORD 7/10

Made a good first-half save to deny Kennedy

CARLOS EDWARDS 8/10

The midfielder was very unlucky not to score with long-range effort

CHRIS COYNE 6/10

Powerful display, nullifying toothless Wolves first-half attack

MARKUS HEIKKINEN 6/10

Tamed Carl Cort and wasn't at fault for goals

PAUL UNDERWOOD 5/10

Damage limitation exercise backfired due to late goal

AHMET BRKOVIC 4/10

Failed to produce the killer blow as Luton's away woe continues

KEVIN NICHOLLS 6/10

His free-kick was blocked, allowing Howard to net equaliser

KEVIN FOLEY 5/10

Ineffective display and failed to shine in weak Hatters show

ENOCH SHOWUNMI 6/10

Had two first-half efforts comfortable saved by Postma

STEVE HOWARD 8/10

Thought he had bagged a deserved equaliser with goal

ROWAN VINE 8/10

Harshly adjudged to have fouled Craddock on going clean through

SUBSTITUTES

Warren Feeney - Decent effort 6
Subs not used - Brill, Barnett, Morgan, Bell

HATTERS STUNNED BY INCE

MAGIC MOMENT: Mark Davies celebrates scoring his first League goal for Wolves with team-mate Tom Huddleston



WOLVES

Davies 57, Ince 88

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LUTON TOWN

Howard 80

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Aft: 21,823 Rating: ★★★/★★

By NICK CLOWES

THE MASTER and the apprentice combined to move Wolves into the play-off pack.

Mark Davies - the youngest player on the pitch at 17 - struck his first-ever League goal to put Wolves one-up, but that was cancelled out by Luton's Steve Howard ten minutes from time.

But the oldest player on show, 38-year-old Paul Ince, wasn't to be outdone when he snatched all the points two minutes from time with an unstoppable 25-yarder. And Wolves boss Glenn Hoddle revealed a half-time word with his skipper had worked a treat.

Hoddle said: "We didn't start well and I told Paul at half-time that I wanted to see more of the Paul Ince from his West Ham and Manchester United days even if it meant carrying him off on a stretcher at the end of the game."

"I'm delighted with the win because we weren't at our best. That's the kind of thing you need to do when you are looking to get on a run."

The former England star has missed the majority of the season through injury, but his first goal of the season was worth waiting for.

Rob Edwards' long ball forward was chested-down by Leon Clarke and Ince unleashed a shot that flew past Hatters goalkeeper Marlon Beresford.

And the 38-year-old was delighted.

"Any goal at this age is great, but it was nice that it was the winner," said Ince.

"The first half was scrappy and we had a rollicking at half-time, but second half we played some decent stuff and deserved to win. I couldn't have taken another draw."

"It was great to see Mark get a goal as well. He's a brilliant young lad and deserved that goal for his recent performances. He's got a long way to go, but he's got plenty of potential."

Tom Huddleston and Mark Kennedy had gone close in a lacklustre first period for the

Sizzling strike wins it

hosts and Enoch Showunmi tested Stefan Postma at the other end.

Howard headed narrowly wide just after the interval before Davies broke the deadlock. Clarke's angled shot was saved by Beresford, but the youngster was quickest to the rebound and made no mistake from close-range.

Kennedy almost doubled the lead immediately. Beresford palmed a shot round the post and then came even closer when another fierce drive flew back off the post.

But Luton upped their tempo and Kevin Nicholls' 30-yarder was deflected inches wide.

Howard was then denied by Joleon Lescott and Carlos Edwards went close before the pressure paid off.

A Nicholls free-kick was initially blocked, but he collected

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Glenn Hoddle



FANS' VIEWS

■ Scott Anderson, Wolves fan: "We definitely need a striker but it doesn't look as though we're getting Izale McLeod now."

"That's a shame because he looks as though he's got plenty of power and pace."

■ Peter Irons, Luton fan: "It's great that Mike Newell has come out and said he will expose football's crooks."

"But I think it's terrible that other managers and club officials haven't had the guts to back him publicly."

BRAVE CHALLENGE: Luton's Ahmet Brkovic, right, attempts to block Leon Clarke's shot

PICTURE: Action Images

the rebound and crossed for Howard to nod past Postma.

However, Ince then drove his superb low shot beyond Beresford for the winner.

Hatters boss Mike Newell said: "That's been the story of our season away from home – and it's starting to get frustrating as I'm having to say the same things every week."

"They scored against the run of play, because we were the better side, unless I'm watching a different game."

"We had plenty of the game

in the second half, but they've scored at the death."

Newell has hogged the headlines with his views on agents this week, but Hoddle refused to back his crusade.

Hoddle added: "It's up to Mike to explain what he said. The only people who can help him are the ones who have experienced something. From the day I was Swindon manager to now, I've never come across it."

STAR MAN: TOM HUDDLESTONE (Wolves)

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Edwards	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	Coyne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craddock	-	2	-	-	3	2	-	-	Heikkinen	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Lescott	-	1	-	-	4	4	1	-	Underwood	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	2
Kennedy	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	2	Brkovic	-	-	-	-	4	3	3	-
Davies	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	Nicholls	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	2
Huddlestone	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	Foley	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Ince	-	3	1	2	-	3	1	1	Showunmi	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
Cort	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	Howard	-	-	1	-	1	7	2	-
Clarke	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	Vine	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
SUBSTITUTES									SUBSTITUTES								
Ganea	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	Feeney	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
KEEPER: Postma 2 saves (2 Catch)									49% POSSESSION 51% KEEPER: Beresford 5 saves (4 Catch, 1 Parry)								

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