

Zero penetration for Saddlers and Hatters

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Walsall 0 Luton 0

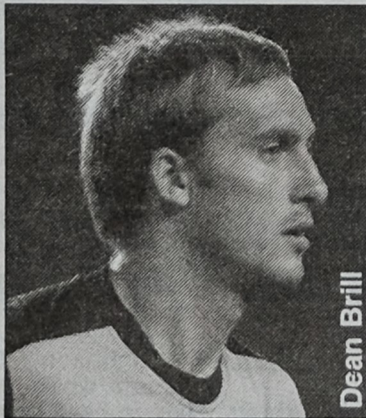
WALSALL extended their unbeaten league run to four games with their draw at the Banks's Stadium, which leaves Luton without an away win in eight matches.

Both sides battled hard, but failed to penetrate two strong defences in a match that always looked like ending in a stalemate.

One of the best chances fell to Walsall's Ishmel Demontagnac who, when put through by Michael Ricketts, sent a low drive wide in the 23rd-minute.

Four minutes later Luton keeper Dean Brill had to make a rare save by blocking a volley from Edrissa Sonko.

Luton seemed content to soak up the pressure and made little impact up front although in the 56th-minute



Paul McVeigh might have broken the deadlock when he screwed a shot wide from Calvin Andrew's cross.

With time running out neither side looked capable of breaking through, although Walsall's Tommy Mooney saw a drive well smothered by

Brill in the 74th-minute.

With seven minutes left, Hatters' substitute Drew Talbot flashed a drive wide, and in stoppage time Walsall youngster David McDermott sliced a shot wide.

Walsall manager Richard Money said he felt his team deserved all three points based on the amount of chances they created.

"I thought it was a real quality performance from my team in a proper football match. I thought we edged it, had the better chances and I can't speak highly enough of the players — I thought they were tremendous," he said.

Luton manager Kevin Blackwell said: "I thought it was a good performance, but the cutting edge was not quite there and we have known that for some time."