

MAN OF THE MATCH



ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

The promising youngster looked as comfortable at centre half as he does at right back

THE SQUAD

Luton: Brill; Asafu-Adjaye, Jackson, Hutchison, Davis (Howells '75'); Currie (Langley '75'), O'Leary, Spring, Emanuel; Parkin, Andrew (Furlong '68'). Subs: Beavan, McVeigh.

MATCH FACTS

SHOTS ON TARGET

LUTON 3 HUDDERSFIELD 4

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LUTON 5 HUDDERSFIELD 7

CORNERS

LUTON 8 HUDDERSFIELD 2

OFFSIDE

LUTON 1 HUDDERSFIELD 2

BOOKINGS

LUTON

HUDDERSFIELD

Davis, 14

REFEREE

Andy Penn (West Midlands)

ATTENDANCE: 6,539

FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE

Brighton	0	Swansea	1
Carlisle	1	Bournemouth	1
Cheltenham	2	Doncaster	1
Crewe	1	Oldham	4
Leeds	2	Gillingham	1
Leyton Orient	3	Bristol Rovers	1
Luton	0	Huddersfield	1
Northampton	2	Tranmere	1
Nottm Forest	3	Yeovil	2
Southend	1	Port Vale	1
Swindon	2	Millwall	1
Walsall	2	Hartlepool	2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	46	27	11	8	82	42	92
Nott'm Forest	46	22	16	8	64	32	82
D'caster	46	23	11	12	65	41	80
Carlisle	46	23	11	12	64	46	80
Leeds	46	27	10	9	72	38	76
Southend	46	22	10	14	70	55	76
Brighton	46	19	12	15	58	50	69
Oldham	46	18	13	15	58	46	67
North'ton	46	17	15	14	60	55	66
Huddersf'd	46	20	6	20	50	62	66
Tranmere	46	18	11	17	52	47	65
Walsall	46	16	16	14	52	46	64
Swindon	46	16	13	17	63	56	61
Leyton O	46	16	12	18	49	63	60
Hartlepool	46	15	9	22	63	66	54
Bristol Rvrs	46	12	17	17	45	53	53
Millwall	46	14	10	22	45	60	52
Yeovil	46	14	10	22	38	59	52
Cheltenham	46	13	12	21	42	64	51
Crewe	46	12	14	20	47	65	50
B'mouth	46	17	7	22	62	72	48
G'llingham	46	11	13	22	44	73	46
Port Vale	46	9	11	26	47	81	38
Luton	46	11	10	25	43	63	33

Harford tells loyal fans Hatters will be back

LUTON TOWN FC

LEAGUE ONE

LUTON TOWN

0

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

1

Jevons, 77

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AS relegated Hatters signed off their season with a sixth straight defeat manager Mick Harford insisted: "This club is renowned for coming back and that's what we'll do."

A typical end-of-season encounter was won by Huddersfield's Phil Jevons' second half header but Harford said: "The game wasn't important today, I'm looking at the bigger picture. It's disappointing to lose but we're looking to the future."

The Luton boss is gearing up for a radical overhaul of the playing staff.

He is desperate to repay the fans who believe he can bring the glory days back after a nightmare season.

"The whole of the squad is up for sale basically," he said. "We'd consider any offer for any player, we need to regenerate ourselves."

"It'll be a new group of players here next season. My aim is to be a long serving manager here."

"The supporters were different class and I'd like to go on record to thank them for the support they've given me since I came back. These fans deserve a successful team."

"I'll have a holiday and come back ready for the long slog. Four good teams have gone down from this league and there's a lot of long journeys next season, but we'll be ready."

Keith Keane was ruled out of yesterday's game with a groin strain, but rightly picked up the Loyal Luton Supporters Club 'player of the season' award before the kick off. Richard Jackson took his place in defence and Lewis Emanuel was given the captain's arm band.

The stand-in-skipper took 13 minutes to make his mark testing Matt Glennon's reflexes in the Terriers' goal with a well struck effort from just outside the box.

Fifteen minutes later Stephen O'Leary tried to spark the game into life with an ambitious long range free kick that Glennon saved



STICKING TO IT: Sol Davis puts a halt to this move by Danny Schofield

with ease.

Just before half time a cleverly disguised pass from Darren Currie to Sam Parkin finally gave the striker a clear sight of goal. He dropped his shoulder and despatched a curling effort that bent around Glennon and the wrong side of the post.

In truth it was a dull first half, both sides look jaded by the season and seemed to prefer to let the ball do the work with a series of aimless long passes giving both sets of defenders a headache.

The boredom was temporarily broken when, from out of the executive boxes, onto the pitch leapt a neon tracksuited man with a curly wig on his head trying to taunt the travelling Yorkshire support.

A one man pitch invasion can't be condoned, but it did gee the Kenilworth Road crowd up and the players responded.

On the hour mark Currie's perfectly flighted cross went over a crowded penalty area for Don Hutchison at the far post. The veteran thought he'd signed off his Luton career with a snap shot bound for the bottom corner of the net, but Glennon got down well to save.

Luton's joint-top scorer, Paul Furlong, was introduced into the action on 68 minutes and soon after he was followed by Richard Langley and Jake Howells.

Both were making their debuts for the season Langley ruled out for the majority of the campaign with injury and 17-year-old Howells is a

first year scholar promoted from the youth team.

But just as Hatters had made their double substitution Huddersfield's own super sub Jevons made the most of some hesitant defending to give them the lead.

Left back Joe Skarz whipped in a cross that left Luton's defence rooted to the spot as Jevons rose to head past Dean Brill into the bottom corner.

There was time left to find an equaliser but the Luton players were clearly running on empty. As the final whistle went the boos rang around the ground but it turned to applause as Harford saluted the long-suffering fans who will spend the summer holding on to the hope of better times ahead.