

Hat's how we like it

● Daish relishing Luton Town test

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EBBSFLEET manager Liam Daish insists that Saturday's home fixture against relative giants Luton Town is a game that everyone associated with the club should look forward to.

The Hatters are playing at Conference National level for the first time in their history and are expected to bring around 1,600 fans to Stonebridge Road at the weekend.

However, Daish believes that his charges have nothing to fear from their promotion-chasing opponents, particularly since the Fleet defeated the Bedfordshire side 3-2 at Kenilworth Road in January.

"They are coming into this game on the back of what has been a good run of results for them and it will be tough for us," he admitted.

"We can, however, draw some confidence from the game earlier in the season and we will be going into this fixture knowing that we can compete with them.

"If we play our best, I'm certain we can

finish the day with a win.

"In truth, we are looking forward to the game on Saturday because we will be playing a game against a decent side with big support and it will be good for the whole club."

Ebbsfleet though will be without the services of Dean Pooley who was stretchered off in last week's 2-0 reverse at Crawley Town. As the Reporter went to press, the defender was waiting on results of tests that would confirm the extent of his injury.

"Dean is a tough lad and to see him leave the field like that and be in a bit of pain is obviously a bit worrying," Daish continued.

"He is having some scans and only then will we know the extent of the injury.

"We might have to look for defensive cover and I am in the process of making calls and seeing what we can come up with."

Gavin Heeroo may also miss the game after picking up a facial injury in an aerial challenge during the previous outing.

Daish however rubbished claims from some quarters that opposition player Thomas Pinault used an elbow in the tussle.

"I didn't see anything like that and I'm not going to accuse someone of that," he said. "It was a tough game with two teams giving it a right go, but I am not going to accuse players of using an elbow."