

COD LEAVE



JUMP FOR JOY:
 Anthony Barry
 celebrates his goal
 for Fleetwood
 PICTURE: Gareth Owen

NOW FOR THE RESPONSE, SAYS MONEY

LUTON manager Richard Money will scrutinise his players this week in the hope they can get their championship charge back on track at Newport next Friday.

Money said: "You need players to play well and we've got good players who,

What they said...

when they play well, roll teams over both at home and away.

"But when you've got so many players of such quality playing so poorly on the same day, you end up with a performance and result like that.

"As with every defeat, it's how you respond. We need to see a response over the next seven days from the group. When we've asked for a big performance before they've given us one – and I'm sure they will at Newport."

Money will find out the full

extent of Jake Howell's injury tomorrow after the left-back was stretched off with a knee injury following a foul by Nathan Pond. The Fleetwood sub had come on in the 30th minute for Jamie McGuire, who also left the field prone with a damaged achilles.

THE HATTERS BATTERED!



By **Stuart Hammonds**

**THE NLD
 STAR
 MATCH**

FLEETWOOD manager Micky Mellon hailed the Cod Army's finest hour as Luton's title hopes took a real battering at Kenilworth Road.

News of AFC Wimbledon and Crawley winning compounded a rare off day at the mud-splattered office for Richard Money's Hatters, tasting defeat for the first time in 11 league outings and only the second occasion at home this term. But Mellon's boys, fifth in the table at start and close of play, maintained their own promotion hopes with a performance of cunning, calmness and no little courage in coming from an early Lloyd Owusu goal behind to comfortably wrap up the points.

Kenilworth Road has always been a happy hunting ground for Mellon, who scored the first and last senior goals of his playing career there.

This time, it was the biggest result of his nascent managerial career after Gareth Seddon's double and a stunner from man-of-the-match Anthony Barry hooked Luton.

Mellon said: "Luton are a fantastic football club with a great manager and assistant in Richard Money and Gary Brabin, a man I spent a lot of my career playing alongside. For us to come here and get a result like this – and deservedly so – is superb."

"We played 4-4-2 with two wingers. I can't be any bolder than that. We let the early goal in but the lads stood up when in the past we



ALL SED AND DONE: Gareth Seddon slides home his second

might have folded.

"We'll enjoy tonight. I keep saying to everyone that you've got to enjoy your wins – and that is the best result in Fleetwood's history."

Luton were playing their seventh successive home game and the pitch was heavy, its state worsened by England's C's midweek game with Belgium.

Money said afterwards he would "use it as an excuse", adding that "it's much easier to come and defend and hit on the counter-attack than it is to force the play".

That did Fleetwood a dis-service, although the Hatters boss had already acknowledged the visitors had "played extremely well and deserved to win".

Yes, they defended deeper as

the game went on, with the immovable Sean Gregan rolling back the years. But they had taken the game to Luton in the first hour, with Barry controlling midfield and Seddon deadly in attack. That they had seven shots on target to Luton's two says as much.

The Hatters did take the lead on seven minutes when Matthew Barnes-Homer crossed low from the right for Owusu to turn in his fourth goal in five starts.

But it took just two minutes for Fleetwood to draw level, Magno Vieira slipping Seddon to fire past Mark Tyler into the far corner.

They had the lead eight minutes into the second half when Barry produced an unstoppable end to a move he had started in the centre

MATCH STATS

LUTON v FLEETWOOD

2	SHOTS ON TARGET	7
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
4	CORNERS	6
3	OFFSIDE	1
16	FOULS CONCEDED	13
2	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Anthony Barry (Fleetwood)

ATT: 6,227

ENTERTAINMENT: *****
 REF RATING: Lee Collins 6/10

LUTON: 4-4-2: Tyler 6, Gleeson 6, Kroca 5, Pilkington 5, Howells 5 (Poku 69, 6), Gnapska 6 (Walker 76, 5), Keane 6, Lawless 7, Morgan, Smith 5 (Graham 59, 6), Owusu 6, Barnes-Homer 6. Subs not used: K Pilkington, Crow.
FLEETWOOD: 4-4-2: Davies 6, Beeley 7, Haining 7, Gregan 6, Wright 7, Mullin 7, McGuire 5 (Pond 30, 5), Barry 9, Clancy 7, Seddon 7 (Donnelly 82, 5), Vieira 6. Subs not used: Hurst, Rowe, Milligan.

circle, trading passes with Sean Clancy before unleashing a peach of a right-foot strike into the top corner from more than 20 yards out.

Seconds later, the little schemer produced the pass of the game, drilling a volley through the heart of the Hatters defence with the outside of his right boot to Seddon, who rounded Tyler and slammed into an empty net.

It was only the fourth time Fleetwood had scored more than twice in a game this season – a stat that left Money bemoaning his defensive troops. "We've conceded two goals in 2011 and everyone has been commending our goalkeeper and back four," said Money.

"Today they played like they'd never played together before."