

# Edinburgh's pride in defeat

JUSTIN EDINBURGH was full of praise for Rushden & Diamonds' display - despite late night's home defeat.

He was "absolutely delighted" with the all-round effort as Luton Town picked up three more points in the Blue Square Bet Premier following Shane Huke's early error.

Diamonds boss Edinburgh said: "From start to finish we took the game to them and played off the front foot.

"On another day we would have come off with at least a draw.

"I couldn't ask for any

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more from the players in this game.

"With the amount of injuries and the transfer embargo, we are restricted without any chance of rotating the squad.

"They put their bodies on the line but probably lacked a bit of quality in the final third.

"The endeavour, commitment, hard work and attitude was immense.

"We weren't able to make changes like Luton did by bringing in three or four fresh faces.

"It's frustrating at times in terms of not getting what we deserve.

"If we had shown the same effort against Southport on Saturday we wouldn't have drawn 2-2.

"We are not in a position to lose players like Curtis Osano just before kick-off.

"We were already without Aaron O'Connor, Paris Cowan-Hall, Sam Smith and Justin Miller who are first-team regulars.

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"Unfortunately we can't get anyone on loan and one or two players are not 100 per cent fit.

"But it's those kind of people who I want at this club and they have gone a long way to securing their future next season."

Edinburgh also revealed that none of the injuries are likely to clear up for Saturday's game at AFC Wimbledon.

Meanwhile, the trip to Grimsby Town has been rearranged for Wednesday, April 13, following last week's abandonment due to fog.

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