Dragons give Luton something to ponder



STAR MAN: Marvin Andrews (Wrexham) ATT: 6.443 ENTERTAINMENT: **

REF RATING: Sleven Ross 8/10 LUTON: 4-4-2: Tyler 6, Graham 7. 5, D Walker 6, Willmott 6 (Watkins 58, 6) Owusu 6 (J Walker 69) Barnes-Homer 6. Subs not used: O'Donnell, K Pilkington. WREXHAM: 4-4-2: Mayebi 7,

D Walker 8, McMillan 7, Andrews Cieslewicz 6, M Williams 6 (Colbeck 69 6) Moss 7 (Stephens 83, 5). Subs Not used: Owen, Salathiel

By Sam Elliott

THE dress rehearsal for the play-off semi-final ended honours even as Wrexham supporters finally had something to thank Geoff Moss for.

The Dragons fans don't exactly see eye-to-eye with their club's coowner but he has produced something special for them.

His son Louis, 18, scored 12 minutes into his debut but it wasn't enough as substitute Iason Walker broke the kids' hearts with a late penalty to deny them a fantastic

Not-so-subtle Dean Saunders refused to show any of his semifinal hand to Gary Brabin, making 11 changes from the side that saw off Tamworth on Monday.

Saunders' Luton counterpart was less concerned about giving away secrets ahead of Thursday night seven of his starting line up are expected to begin the first leg at Fowler, was stretchered off with a the Racecourse.

By the end, Wrexham had given debuts to five players and Saunders was delighted with how they coped at Kenilworth Road.

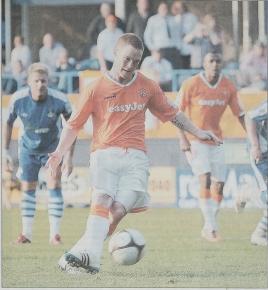
He said: "I was delighted with the team. For the first half an hour that is

the best we have played all season. "The only let down was the refereeing decision to give Luton a penalty two minutes from the end.

"Louis Moss scored - that will do his confidence the world of good. He is an exciting player and with the number of 17-year-olds out there at the end it bodes well for our future."

Moss Ir grabbed his moment after a bright start from the Wrexham second string, Jamie Tolley picked the pass to Marc Williams at the back post and when the striker eventually got his footwork right, Moss couldn't miss from five yards

Wrexham's makeshift side were dealt a blow ten minutes later. Their most experienced player, Lee suspected dislocated elbow.



SPOT ON: Luton's James Walker fires the Hatters level with his late penalty

PICTURE: Gareth Owen

but Robbie Willmott managed a end, he denied Tolley with a good and Jason Walker put the keeper's shot just before half time, however block. the winger couldn't quite get

enough bend on his effort. that was well-held by stand-in preserve the lead keeper Ioslain Mavebi as the home

side tried to work a way through. with Thursday in mind but his Stephens tried and failed to usher

an immediate impact. First he forced a superb low save Luton man went.

Town were struggling in the heat from Mayebi and then, at the other

Some unorthodox goalkeeping of his mind to level the scores. from Mayebi flicked the ball over Four minutes after half-time, the the crossbar from another Luton went with a number of first team Hatters' winger hit a daisy cutter replacement this time Alex Lacey, to players for a reason, I don't want us

But it was always going to be important we kept the same tempo inexperience that undid the youth- and go to Wrexham with some con-Willmott was soon hauled off ful visitors and when Anthony fidence. replacement. Adam Watkins, had the ball out for a goal-kick, he gave bond is back between the fans and

The harsh penalty was awarded crazy goal-line dance to the back

Hatters boss Brabin said: "We to take the foot off the gas - it was

"The crowd were fantastic. The Dan Walker a push and over the players and that can only be a good thing."