The 20-year-old, usually a right-sided

defender, looked accomplished as

"We had a disas-

lost 7-2 to Gateshead

and it felt a bit simila

ng for everyone. "For the players, it

but in the end some of

them were like rabbits

to that, It's disapp

GROUP HUG: Claude Gnakpa is mobbed by his team mates after

scoring Luton's second



Wrexham were left feeling like the Liberal Democrats - battered, bruised and never likely to be first past the post.

Manager Dean Saunders, like of the Football League.

Unfortunately for the Weishman, they didn't listen and - like the Daesday's second leg Saunders used the "rabbits in

rampant in a first half that saw Alex and they've missed the chance." goals that have seemingly booked rhyming slang dictionary surely set. Gnakpa, they had too much enemy Saturday week.

because we didn't turn up tonight. territory

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg. "To work as hard as we have done." As Saunders admitted: "We were, had asked his players to vote for all season and then to play like that beaten by a better team on the day change, swapping potentially long on an occasion when the crowd and it could have been worse." have turned up in their thousands Wrexham had top-flight and playand the live TV cameras are here. off experience running through their

"I feel sorry for them because side with the likes of Sinclair, Mark voters the Lib Dems wanted - you get opportunities in your Creighton Chris Blackburn Dean didn't turn up as Luton took a three-career. People don't just arrive in Keates, Gareth Taylor and Nathaniel goal lead home with them for the Premier League, they normally Kright-Percival. work their way up. Luton boss Gary Brabin had

"That was a game today for all of spent his ten regular league games the headlights" clické to describe them to have a chance to grab the in charge chopping and changing his side's bewildered appearance, nestle and say. We can get in the final his side to find the winning forma-Laton, on the other hand, were and we can play in League Two' - tion shead of the play-offs. He went with youngsters like Juson Lawless, Claude Gnakpa and Ed As bad as Wrexham were in that Walker, Jake Howells and Robbie Asafu-Adjaye hop all over the first 35 minutes - and some were for Wilmott, and together with the influwoeful Welsh defence to grab the the entire 90, with the Cockney ential Lawless and rejuvenated

the next print run - Luton were barish memories of their Frank Sin-Saunders said: "I'm not angry, I excellent, picking up every loose clair against York in the semi-final Sounders said: "I'm not angry," excellent, procing up every roose that against fore as are self-just feel a bit sorry for the lads ball and pressing deep into home second-leg last season, and at least go one better in reaching the final.

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have words with Sinclair.

the away fans, and it should have Ashton block stopped Gnakpa tap-frontmen Taylor and Knight-Percival sung 'Que sera sera, whatever will been two, first when Howells rat- ping in his 16th of the season, before having barely had a kick. been two, time ween neverses and partition recorded and application of the crossbar and then when lawless volleyed wide and 25denek. Each in emerged from the turned. It will be, were going to sean the district of the condition Sinclair pass to Jay Harris, though line in quick succession.

cheer from the visiting fans held faithful were singing it alone.

TIE IS FAR FROM OVER SEMI-FINAL, SECOND LEG PREVIEW LUTON TOWN V WREXHAM TUESDAY, MAY 10. RICK-OFF: 7.45PM

**LUTON BOSS WARNS: THIS** 

**By Stuart Hammonds** 

his Luton players to keep their foot pressed firmly to the metal to ensure their

understand that.

by no means over.

in Turker

one early on then brilliant

it'll be game on. But I can't see many people having a bet on us."

draw inspiration from the to leave players out because 3-1 win at Cambridge back it's been their time to rest, but once we are on the foot-ball field we've got a in January.
"If we can get an early standard that we have to one and we don't concede stick to and to be fair to the

they might get a bit twitchy," said Keates. "Luton showed tonight

20 minutes "That's how quickly it can change in football. The "It's a good start for us,

saving grace we've got is that it should have been a but in some respects the ressure is more on us now. lot more than the three People will be thinking it's goals we did concede "We've got to go there

egone conclusion and it's not. We've got to get back into training, work on things and maintain those and give a better account of dented and the lads are A second-string Wrex down, but we've got to pu ham side managed a 1-1 that right."



FEET ON THE GROUND: Luton boss Gary Brabin

The first goal came on 16 min- Maxwell rescued his side with the In the last ten minutes, Maxwell back for half-an-hour after the final utes. Saunders felt Lawless had heart of the Reds' defence imper- hammered a clearance straight at whistle. fouled Blackburn on halfway, but sonating the Red Sea.

tackle from Creighton that only the top corner by the near post. injury-time. took out team-mate Keates, then That was in the 28th minute, and The hosts salvaged some pride lads a real lift.

loose throw-in back to the stopper youth product had time to control on Blackburn. And after the opener, he appeared to 16 yards.

Willmott after being put under He said: "The fans have been once the ex-Forest Green and York The lead was doubled when Hat- pressure by the latest of a cata- absolutely fareastic. They are going man got on the ball, there was no ters from a left-wing throw worked loque of hesitant Sinclair to play a really big part for us. I the ball across to Gnakoa, who took back-passes. Then the keeper had keep going on about the connection He drove forward, evading a his shot early and arrowed it into so tip over a 25 yarder from Keane in between the supporters and the team as a whole, and it gives the

unleashed a right-footed beauty by the 35th it was game over. in the second half and looked more "We came here to get a win and I from 25 yards that gave home Willmott hit a right-wing corner composed after midfielder Lee thought it was a great start by the keeper Chris Maxwell no chance. over everyone's head to Asafu- Fowler overcame the dislocated lads. There are parts of the game Maxwell had already reprimand- Adjaye, who stole into the area elbow he suffered last Saturday to I'm disappointed with. I felt we

that seemed to trigger the malaise. his thigh before slotting home from They still didn't record a shot on half. But overall it was a good start target until the 81st minute, howev- and we've just got to prepare prop-As Saunders said, it could have er, and that came from the unlikely erly now for the next leaf One-nil to the Eng-er-land' sung been more of a beating Only a Neil source of right-back Obeng, with At bick-off, both sets of farst had

be will be, we're going to Man

MATCH STATS

STAR MAN: Alex Lowless (Luton)
ATT: 7,211
ENTERTAINMENT: \*\*\*\*\*
REF RATING: Sleve Mortin 6/10

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draw when they went to Luton for the final game of the regular league campaign last weekend, but place in the Blue Square Bet they need a far greater Premier play-off final. effort this time.

The former Cambridge Manager Dean Saun. Manager Dean Saunde boss has lost just one in 11 said: "I've played in loads o

games since succeeding games where we've been Richard Money at the end of 3-0 up and ended up losin March - and he wants to 4-3, and vice versa. I played for Wales and got beaten 6-4 one in 12 going into what he hopes will be a trip to face AFC Wimbledon or Fleet-wood at Manchester City.

"Anything can happen in football, and it's normally when you don't expect it to.
"We've got to score first-Brabin said: "We've got to simple as that. If we can get keep doing the same things that we've done here. I've

not let the lads take their foot off the gas since I took over and I think they all nderstand that. Captain Dean Keates
"At certain times I've had wants his team-mates to

squad, they have been doing it. "It'll be a great atmos that it's possible to get three goals, and at Cambridge we phere under the lights at Kenilworth Road on Tuesscored three in the opening day, but we aren't thinking about Eastlands. This tie is

ourselves. The pride in the dressing room has been