



LUTON TN 4
 Guttridge 16, Benson 33, Gray 39, Wall 83
FC HALIFAX 3
 Marshall 3, Ainge 19, Gardner 23

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FAN TAKES CHANCE TO HUDDLE UP

LUTON TOWN fan Mark Baldwin was invited into the Hatters' post-match huddle just two weeks after an altercation with captain Ronnie Henry. Henry had a heated row with Baldwin after Luton's 3-2 home win over Lincoln a fortnight ago and asked the critical supporter to come into Kenilworth Road and clear the air. Baldwin contacted *The NLP* last week to say he would take the club he has supported for 25 years up on their offer, and on Monday he kept his word, apologising to boss John Still and his players as well as presenting a bottle of whisky. Still then invited the 32-year-old on to the pitch after yesterday's dramatic 4-3 win against FC Halifax Town. Baldwin said: "I didn't have a clue it was going to happen. John said, 'I think you're a brilliant fan. I want you to have a few words with the players.' "I went in to see John, chief executive Gary Sweet and Ronnie Henry to apologise and get my point across. They told me to get behind the team and that's what I've done. I've been a fan for 25 years - I love this club."



MUSCLE MAN: Andre Gray flexes his muscles having drawn Luton level at 3-3
 PICTURES: Gareth Owen

MATCH STATS		
LUTON v HALIFAX		
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET	5
4	CORNERS	0
1	OFFSIDE	2
8	FOULS CONCEDED	8
0	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Andre Gray (Luton)
 ATT: 6,519
ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★
REF RATING: Nick Kinsey 7/10
LUTON: (4-3-3): Tyler 6; Smith 7, McNulty 8, Lawless 8 (Robinson 90, 5), Griffiths 8; Parry 8, Guttridge 8, Henry 7 (Alex Wall 74, 8); Benson 7, Gray 8, Lacey 7.
Subs not used: Howells, Justham, Whalley.
HALIFAX: (4-2-3-1): Glennon 7; Toulson 6, McManus 7, Smith 5 (Lowe 43, 6), Gardner 8; Gregory 7 (Holsgrove 65, 6), Roberts 8; McReady 6 (Williams 81, 5), Marshall 7, Maynard 7; Ainge 8.
Subs not used: Senior, Worthington.



REMARKABLE: Alex Wall celebrates his goal that completed Luton's comeback

HATTERS SHOW THEIR FIGHT

By **MARK WOOD**

A TOPSY-TURVY encounter saw Luton fight back from 3-1 down to win a hugely entertaining game.

The Hatters showed plenty of character to come back and level before Alex Wall arched a brilliant 25-yard effort over Matt Glennon to snatch victory and leave first team coach Hakan Hayrettin hailing his side. "We fought to the death with a great spirit and a never-say-die attitude," he said. "At 3-1 we believed we could get back into the game and we did that. "There were times this season where we didn't play so well and we've battled our way through it. "But we've played exceptionally well in a lot of games and not got what we deserved. "Maybe we didn't play as well as we could do but we showed we've got a spirit and attitude there and that means a lot within the camp.

"When it doesn't go well, when it isn't going our way, we've got to work hard, it's like we're in a street fight, we've got to swing until we come out the other end. "But to come back from 3-1 down and to make it 3-3 and to win the game in that style is unbelievable." The Shaymen impressed with their pace and ingenuity and deserved their lead courtesy of some entertaining free-flowing football. Lively striker Lee Gregory broke through the heart of Town's defence after just three minutes and, although keeper Mark Tyler saved at his feet, Paul Marshall was on hand to ram past two covering defenders on the line. The Hatters hit back on 16 minutes when Luke Guttridge skipped past former Hatter Simon Ainge and his

shot deflected off Ryan Toulson and inside Glennon's near post for his fifth goal of the season. It was a breathless first half as Ainge came back to haunt his former club, heading home Marshall's free-kick. The Shaymen then made it 3-1 with a wonder strike from Gardner, who turned Alex Lacey and raced away from Steve McNulty before burying an unstoppable drive into the bottom corner from 20 yards. Luton weren't done though and Paul Benson turned home Ronnie Henry's driven cross from close range before levelling matters six minutes before the break, Alex Lawless setting up Andre Gray to rifle home from the edge of the area. The second period was more cagey with the visitors denied by the post on

71 minutes through substitute Kevin Holsgrove's heavily deflected effort. Halifax were a continual threat with their long throws into the box but it was the Hatters who snatched victory with a wonder goal from Wall as his unstoppable late effort gave Glennon no chance and earned Luton three invaluable points in their promotion push. "I've played and managed in a lot of games in my career but there's not been many that have been 3-3 at half-time so it might have been a first but it was certainly a fantastic game," said Halifax boss Neil Aspin. "There is a massive difference in terms of size of the clubs and finances, but on the pitch there wasn't a gulf at all and that is credit to the players who have done fantastically well so I am really proud of the players."