



**CHESTER** 1  
Seddon 23  
**LUTON** 1  
Gray 11

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# LUTON LACK BITE TO SINK BLUES!

## Still's got food for thought

By Neil Turner

**L**UTON TOWN arrived at the Deva Stadium late after a pre-match meal caused the Hatters to mis-calculate their journey time to North Wales.

Unfortunately though for boss John Still, the usually goal-hungry title chasers were left feeding on scraps on their way home as well after they were frustrated by improving strugglers Chester in a highly entertaining encounter.

Andre Gray gave the Hatters the best possible start, but Neil Young's Chester are no easy meat these days and battled back to earn a precious point in front of their biggest crowd of the season thanks to Gareth Seddon's equaliser.

"Everything considered we have to be pleased with a point," Still said.

"The day we have had wasn't easy, the journey to the ground was extremely difficult but we settled down well all things considered.

"If you look at their results, you can see they have had some very good performances here.

"So I am pleased to get the draw, particularly when you consider how many away games we have had recently."

The 15-minute delay to the start cleared favoured the well-nourished Hatters and they struck a deserved lead when Gray pounced on a poor clearance header from Ashley Williams, and rifled the ball home from 18 yards.

But Chester showed spirit and drew themselves level 12 minutes later with an equally spectacular goal from man of the match Seddon, who hammered a thun-



| MATCH STATS     |                  |    |
|-----------------|------------------|----|
| CHESTER v LUTON |                  |    |
| 4               | SHOTS ON TARGET  | 3  |
| 5               | SHOTS OFF TARGET | 3  |
| 9               | CORNERS          | 8  |
| 3               | OFFSIDE          | 4  |
| 15              | FOULS CONCEDED   | 16 |
| 0               | YELLOW CARDS     | 1  |
| 0               | RED CARDS        | 0  |

**STAR MAN:** Gareth Seddon (Chester)  
**ATT:** 3,291  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** ★★★★★  
**REF RATING:** Darren Handley 6/10  
**CHESTER:** (4-2-3-1): Danby 7, Turner 7, Killock 8, Higginbottom 8, McIntyre 6, Jarrett 6, Williams 5 (Kay 90), Lindfield 6, Lester 6, Mahon 7 (Heath 90), Seddon 9.  
**Subs not used:** Linwood, Wilkinson, Reed.  
**LUTON:** (4-4-2): Tyler 7, Henry 6, McNulty 6, Lacey 8, Griffiths 7, Lawless 7 (Whalley 81, 5), Parry 6, Smith 8, Guttridge 6 (Howells 71, 6), Gray 8, Benson 6 Cullen 66, 6).  
**Subs not used:** Justham, Stevens.



**LEVEL TERMS:** Andre Gray celebrates equalising Gareth Seddon's strike, inset PICTURES: Rick Matthews

derous effort into the back of the net from 25 yards.

"Seddon was outstanding, and his goal was pure quality," hailed a delighted boss Young.

"I am delighted with the way the lads played, Luton are a class side, and after going down early on as we did to show the character and resolve to come back was a credit to the players.

"We are now coming to terms with this league and when you

consider that we've played Cambridge, Kidderminster, Grimsby, and now Luton, and we have given as good as we got against all four, it shows you the progress we have made."

Young though felt his side should have had a penalty after pulling level when Steve McNulty wasn't able to get out of the way of Seddon's spectacular overhead kick, but referee Darren Handley waved away the protests.

Young explained: "The referee did acknowledge that the ball hit their defender's hand, but he thought it was too close to award a spot kick."

Luton came within inches of clinching a spectacular late winner when a 20-yard effort from Jonathan Smith flew just wide of the upright.

But, in truth, that would have been harsh on Chester, who were well worthy of a point.