



ACCRINGTON 2

Gray 9, Joyce 16

(4-4-2): Lynch 8, Buxton 7, Aldred 7, Atkinson 7, Mustoe 7, Naismith 7, Hunt 7 (Carver 89 N/A), Joyce 7, Mingoia 8, Gray 8, Bowerman 7 (Windass 86 6) Subs not used: Lumley, Winnard, McCartan, Hatfield, Alabi.

LUTON TOWN 2

Rooney 32, Howells 42

(4-3-3): Tyler 8, Connolly 7, McNulty 7, Wilkinson 7, Howells 6, Lacey 5 (Guttridge 21 8), Drury 7, Robinson 6, Rooney 8, Cullen 6 (Wall 79 6), Benson 6 Subs not used: Franks, Justham, Ruddock Mpanzu, Lafayette, Stevenson.

Att: 1,562 Rating: ★★★★★ Ref: Sebastian Stockbridge 8/10

Still is not happy at his dozing defenders

By Mike Simmonds

HATTERS boss John Still lambasted his side's performance despite coming from two goals down to draw with Accrington.

The visitors found themselves trailing to goals from James Gray and Luke Joyce after just 16 minutes, but hit back through Luke Rooney and Jake Howells.

And Still was left fuming at his side's early defending.

Still said: "I thought that if we had applied ourselves in the first half how we applied ourselves in the second half we would have won the game. That doesn't mean to say we played well in the second half as I don't think we did.

"We played better, had more efforts on goal, had decent opportunities, but if I look at the game as a whole, it wasn't good enough.

"We can lose games and come off and say we played well, looked like a team, but had to change to try and do something because I couldn't really see a way of getting out of that.

"Am I happy with how we responded? Of course I am. Because I think that shows that we have something in the club that you can't buy, we have a spirit and desire."

Stanley goalscorer Joyce was disappointed his side couldn't hold on to their lead. He said: "It was a great start, great to get 2-0 up in the first 20 minutes and was exactly what we wanted to do.

"We had a gameplan, it worked really well, but I feel after going 2-0 up we

dropped a little bit, stood off them too much.

"To be fair to them, I thought they made a change to their shape and that got them into the game a bit more, but being 2-0 up it's always disappointing to concede two goals before half time."

Accrington had the lead on eight minutes when Piero Mingoia crossed for Gray to turn past Mark Tyler.

It was 2-0 after just 16 minutes when a high ball was headed goalwards by Joyce and it deflected off

a Hatters defender before going in off the post.

Town boss Still then made a change on 21 minutes, with Alex Lacey coming off for Luke Guttridge and the Hatters pulled a goal back on 32 minutes

when Rooney cut inside and curled a marvellous shot in.

Rooney was denied a second by Jay Lynch, but Hatters were level with 42 minutes gone as Howells saw his free kick deflected past Lynch.

In the second half, Guttridge's drive was kept out by Lynch, before Kai Naismith headed over from a good position.

Gray's volley was tipped over by Tyler and Town thought they had a winner, but Luke Wilkinson's goal was chalked off.

Stanley then had a chance to seal victory but Tyler saved from Gray and Rob Atkinson.

