

Luton make it nine in a row

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CCHESTER WEIR, who travelled from Illinois, U.S., to Burslem to watch Port Vale because he "liked the name," saw his favourites provide Luton with their ninth successive away match without defeat.

After 52 minutes, in which Luton had not had a direct shot at goal, Nicholson headed the ball out of Vale's crowded penalty area. McKechnie mis-hit his shot but Hancock was unsighted and dived too late to stop the ball rolling gently over the line—and Vale were out of the Football League Cup.

It jerked Vale, who had wandered aimlessly through the first half into more concerted action, but it also pulled the Luton defence together and even when Vale's fight took them within shooting distance, goalkeeper Tinsley was in superb form.

Bruce Rioch, 16, making his debut at inside left for Luton, was eased nicely into first-team football by his more experienced colleagues.

Port Vale : Hancock ; Allcock, Sproson ; Rawlings, Nicholson, Miles ; Rowlands, Poole, Mitchell, Porter, Smith.

Luton : Tinsley ; McBain, Jardine ; Riley, Caleb, Knights ; Clarke, McKechnie, Riddick, Rioch, Whittaker.