

2 late goals rob Town at Tranmere

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Tranmere Rovers 2, Luton Town 0

UNTIL things suddenly went wrong for the Town in the closing stages of a grimly fought battle at Tranmere last night, I thought they were poised to maintain their unbeaten run by taking a hard-won point.

For 75 minutes there was complete stale-mate with neither defence yielding an inch, but it was that of the Town which had taken something of a hammering that cracked in the end.

TRANMERE ROV:
Leyland; Parnell, Martin; Pritchard, Stuart, King (A); Hill, Lornie, Manning, Crawford, A'Court. Sub: Conde.

LUTON TOWN: Tinsley; Thomson, Jardine; Reid, Rivers, Moore; French, Read, O'Rourke, Fry, Whittaker. Sub: Gibson.

Referee: E Norman, Blackburn.

In a fast, exhilarating opening, the Town looked the more dangerous and after Moore had shot inches wide, King very nearly put through his own goal from a corner by French and it was only the fact that Martin was stationed on the goal line that saved Tranmere.

Tranmere, moving the ball about briskly, replied strongly through former Town player Lornie, who found a gap and crashed the ball across the face of the goal, harmlessly as it turned out, and with the Tranmere pressure continuing Thomson made a timely clearance.

TRANMERE LOOKING MORE DANGEROUS

The pace continued to be a cracker with both teams tending to be over-eager in front of goal.

Strong and assertive Tran