

Luton end sad run

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LUTON, without an away win since last April, trailed for more than half this poverty-stricken game, then grabbed a late victory against their fellow-strugglers.

Now it is even more imperative that County's re-organisation should be stepped up and, judged on this exhibition, they must find more power and ideas immediately or face re-election.

Fumbling County were always bemused by Luton's offside trap, and gained no inspiration from a messy first half goal by Harkin.

Luton were helped by an own-goal gift and from that they went on to snatch both points and end their run of 23 unsuccessful trips.

Little goalkeeper Jimmy Cargill was unable to reach a high back pass from centre-forward Frank Upton and the ball sailed into the top corner 12 minutes from time. Eight minutes later a defensive blunder let in Gerry King to score the winner.

NOTTS COUNTY: Cargill 4; Hampton 7, Needham 6, Gibson 7, Thompson 5; Coates 5, Beresford 5; *BATES 8, Smith 6, Upton 6, Harkin 5.

LUTON: Swan 7; Thomson 5, DOUGAN 8, Jardine 7; Riddick 6, King 7, Slough 5; French 7, Kevan 5, Moore 5, Whittaker 6.
Referee: J. Taylor (Wolverhampton) 2