

Real hope in replay for the Cherries

BOSCOMBE 1: LUTON 1

BOSCOMBE WILL TRAVEL TO KENILWORTH ROAD, LUTON, ON TUESDAY WITH REAL HOPE OF FORCING THEIR WAY INTO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE FA CUP; IN FACT, WITH A LITTLE LUCK THEY MIGHT WELL HAVE SAVED THEMSELVES A SECOND MATCH FOR THEY DOMINATED AFFAIRS AT DEAN COURT THIS AFTERNOON AND BUILT ON AN EARLY GOAL, HIS FIRST FOR THE CLUB, BY TREVOR HARTLEY.

This was a revitalised Boscombe; their display a welcome change from recent performances in the League; and victory would have been no more than they deserved.

But Luton snatched that important equaliser through Collins just before the interval and now the teams will meet for the fourth time this season.

As expected, Boscombe fielded an unchanged team following last Saturday's win—their first in 13 matches. And Jimmy White continued at centre-forward, from which position he scored the only goal against Stockport last week.

Luton Town, current leaders of the Third Division, made two changes, one of them positional, recalling John Collins in whom Boscombe were at one time interested, in place of Mike Harrison.

Boscombe: Baker; Gulliver, Foote, Summerhill, Stocks, Powell, Hartley, MacDougall, Jimmy White, Hold, Meredith. Sub: Rowles.

Luton Town: Davie; Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Branstion, Slough, Collins, MacDonald, Tees, Allen, French. Sub: Jardine.

Referee: M. Kerkhof (Bicester).

TOO FAST

The match started in bright sunshine, a sharp contrast to the heavy rain of the last few days, and each side in turn was eager to get going at a fast pace. tried to go through on the right and then Powell wasted a chance by lifting the ball too far ahead of the left-wing raiders.

An early challenge by Jimmy White won a touch throw and an opening for Boscombe with Luton caught off balance as he hurled the ball into the centre. But there was only Hold there and too many defenders with him and the visitors were able to scramble the ball away.

A long throw down the right by Gulliver was checked by Luton but then Hold pounced on a half clearance and, with co-operation from White and then Meredith, caused Luton some little concern.

Luton came out of defence well with a threatened left wing attack

Boscombe's Trevor Hartley (left) leaps high with joy when he puts the ball past the Luton defence to score in this afternoon's cup-tie at Dean Court.—Echo picture.

but MacDougall was there to slide the ball back to the waiting Baker who had to dive to prevent it crossing the line.

A fine through ball from Terry Gulliver opened the way for a fine Boscombe goal in the tenth minute with MacDougall cutting in and pulling the ball back for two placed shots by **HARTLEY**, the second of which had the Cherries' fans roaring their heads off.

Just to show that this was no flash in the pan Boscombe sent Jimmy White away to catch Luton flat-footed once more but the centre-forward's shot went into the side netting.

SMOTHERED IT

Boscombe might have increased their lead soon after this and again it would have been due to a fine pass by Gulliver who found Hold on the edge of the Luton penalty area. The young Boscombe forward neatly beat Ryan on the turn but stabbed the ball too far ahead and Davie, rather gratefully, came out to smother it.

In reply there came a first clear cut chance for Luton with Tees making the break and bringing a fine save by Baker to concede a corner.

Boscombe then swung play to the left with Meredith opening up the Luton defence and crossing a dangerous ball which necessitated a header for a corner by Bannister.

At the other end, after both French and Meredith had received treatment for minor knocks, Luton forced a corner when Powell neatly slid the ball away from Collins.

It was Boscombe setting the pace and the pattern as the first half unfolded and Luton looking just as bad as Stockport had done last week.

ANXIOUS

There were cheers every time White got the ball and he was responding with some determined play which kept the Luton defenders busy and anxious.

Next came a remarkable run by Hartley who had to retain possession—and he did it so well—with none of his colleagues in a clear position to take over.

Eventually he spotted MacDougall in space but although the top-scoring for-

ward failed to get in a shot at the first attempt he managed to send one just wide of the goal.

One minute before the interval Luton equalised when French for once got away on the left and his cross to the far post was headed over goalkeeper Baker by the high-leaping **COLLINS**.

HT: 1-1.

Boscombe opened well in the second half with some lively forward play again causing plenty of trouble for the Luton defence.

And yet it was Luton who had the first chance with Jardine, substituted for French, crossing the ball well for MacDonald to hook it well wide.

However there was a real chance for the Cherries in the 52nd minute with Gulliver's free kick being headed back by MacDougall and Hold sending a low one on to the foot of the far post.

This was a lucky let-off for Luton who a little later were grateful to see Davie tip the ball over the bar as Gulliver lobbed it in from 30 yards.

EASILY HELD

Still Boscombe kept up the pressure with occasional raids by Luton easily held by the young Boscombe defenders, aided by the fact that the visitors seemed satisfied to have only MacDonald up to maintain a forward challenge.

Play was held up for a time for treatment to Tees who, however, quickly recovered and sponsored the next Luton raid which, like so many others, got only as far as the edge of the penalty area.

Back came Boscombe with Stocks

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moving forward in support but not needed as the right-wing cross went too far ahead of him and MacDougall.

Luton broke clear on the left with Jardine providing the menace, but really the visitors had no one in front of goal to take advantage, and Powell and Summerhill saw to it that Allen was pressed out towards the touch line.

HIGH LEAP

Boscombe's reply so nearly brought a goal with Luton conceding a corner and a couple of headers by Cherries' forwards guiding the ball only inches outside the left-hand post.

Luton were now beginning to make their presence felt down the left where long-service Jardine was making good ground and providing a series of good crosses.

One of these had Boscombe completely beaten but there was no Luton forward to take advantage; another dropped perfectly for Collins but the Luton forward leaned back into his shot and lifted it high over the bar just on the six-yard line.

Luton now had possession of the ball far more than in the early stages and there were some anxious moments for the Cherries as the visitors managed to keep up pressure for longer periods.

PUNCH NEEDED

But the Cherries continued to show up well in approach work and needed only a shade more punch in attack to make sure that there would be no need for a replay—as it seemed at this stage—on Tuesday.

Luton had similar ideas and were looking more like their old selves although still prone to wild passing in midfield.

This was instanced well by Collins who swept Boscombe into the attack with a bad pass from the centre circle and watched anxiously as Davie came out to get one hand to a cross from Meredith.

Result:

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LUTON TOWN 1
Attendance: 7,382.

