

LUTON'S TEES ON TARGET

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Luton 4 Oxford 0

Luton gratefully accepted the chances to move into a three-goal lead in 39 minutes at Kenilworth Road. Only, if they had been as neglectful as Oxford, would they have endangered their winning position and they were in no mood to abuse such good fortune.

The hypercritical would admonish previously undefeated Oxford for their static and generous marking at crosses. But without two headed goals by Tees in the 11th and 39th minutes, both the result of this poor defence, the limited entertainment would have been dulled.

In between MacDonald made Oxford's Smithson pay for careless ball control by scoring his first goal. His second—Luton's fourth, in the 58th minute—was also partly a credit to a mobility that is remarkable in a man with the thighs of a heavyweight.

Oxford are back to reality after their heady wins at Millwall and Middlesbrough. They had system, but little application. Luton, with Court, the new midfield man from Arsenal, at last dropping his Highbury inhibitions, will hope for more such easy victories.

Luton Town: Read; Ryan (John), Slough, Hoy (sub. Ryan (Jim)), Nicholl, Moore, MacDonald, Court, Tees, Keen, Givens.

Oxford Utd.: Kearns; Lucas, Shuker, Smithson, Clarke, Thompson, Sloan, Atkinson (G), Skeen, Clayton, Atkinson (R.).