

LUTON 1, SUNDERLAND 2
LUTON'S biggest League crowd of the season—19,202—went home wondering just how their promotion-chasing team dropped two points—their first home defeat for 10 months.

Sunderland had little but determination. Joe Baker was their only outfield player with flair and it was fitting that he should be the first visiting player to score a League goal at Luton this season.

Luton should have had a four-goal lead at half time. Instead, Sunderland, who had been penned in their own half in desperate defence, snatched a lucky goal.

Kerr picked up a loose ball on the right and hopefully flicked it into the penalty box. Baker sped in to hit a low shot into the corner of the net. 70/71

Luton kept up the pressure in the second half, with Montgomery making a series of brilliant saves. Busby went on as substitute to replace Court in an effort to provide more power for Luton in attack.

MacDonald equalised, cracking in a Ryan cross, and it looked as though justice would be done.

But Baker cleverly flighted an indirect free kick and Kerr rushed through to head the winner.

LUTON: Read 6; Ryan (John) 6; Slough 6; Nicholl 7; Moore 7; Hoy 6; Court (withdrawn) 5; Keen 6; Ryan (James) 6; *MACDONALD 8; Givens 6. Sub.: Busby 6.

SUNDERLAND: *MONTGOMERY 9; Irwin 6; Harvey 6; Todd 7; Pitt 7; McGiven (injured) 6; Park 6; Porterfield 5; Baker 7; Kerr 6; Hughes 6. Sub.: Chambers 6.

Ref.: D. Pugh (Chester) 6.

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