

Cool Givens makes 13 lucky for Luton

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Hull 0 Luton 2

ALEC STOCK'S Second Division fliers offered up a silent prayer after the 13th-minute mistake that set up this win.

Lucky Luton cashed in when City right-back Don Beardsley tried to push an easy pass-back to 'keeper Ian McKechnie.

He failed to strike the ball hard enough . . . and Luton left-winger Don Givens coolly assessed the situation.

He cut the ball out in four strides and gave McKechnie no chance. From then on, although Hull produced some clever attacking football, the defence never regained its poise.

Sixteen minutes later another error in defence gave clever Luton the decider. Givens, a rare opportunist, was given space to roam on the right

and time to chip a perfect pass to centre-forward Malcolm Macdonald.

His header, inside the post, was inches wide of the 'keeper's grasping left hand.

Nothing went right for Hull afterwards, and they slid to their second successive defeat while Luton climbed above them.

Ken Wagstaff and Chris Chilton could find no way through Luton's iron curtain defence. But Macdonald, Mike Keen and David Court had Hull's defence at breaking-point. Only brave work by McKechnie kept the tally down.

Hull might have had a penalty when Roger Joy, Luton's right-half, grounded Wagstaff on the penalty spot. But the ref waved play on.