Macdonald's 3 fail to stop Forest

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LUTON, the Second Division leaders, were much the faster and more dangerous side in their F A Cup Third Round replay against Nottingham Forest at Kenilworth Road last night. After Cormack put Forest ahead in the 17th minute, Macdonald equalised three minutes later.

Forest had a sad pre-match blow when Ian Moore, their England winger, declared himself unfit following an ankle injury at West Bromwich on Saturday. McIntosh, signed recently from Montrose, deputised.

Forest made the first thrust with a long pass by Winfield to Cormack, but Nicholl intercepted skilfully for Luton.

Barron escapes

Barron had a lucky escape when Slough hit a fearful volley from 30 yards which appeared to strike him on the body and rebound to Jimmy Ryan who blasted well over the bar.

Forest went ahead against the run of play when a short free kick from Winfield found Cormack on the edge of the box. The striker promptly fired in a shot which hit McIntosh's boot on the way past Read.

The goal seemed an injustice to Luton, but they came back strongly and drew level within three minutes. Jimmy Ryan crossed from the right and as Barron missed the ball, Macdonald was perfectly placed to volley home left-footed from just five yards.

Now that both sides had tasted blood, play began to be shared equally with Forest looking much more like a First Division side than they had in the opening quarter.

Collier scores

After the Forest goal had had a number of escapes, they suddenly broke away and scored twice in as many minutes. The first came from Collier with his first touch after substituting for McIntosh in the 64th minute. Collier diving low, headed in following a great run by Cormack.

Cormack made a second goal for Lyons who swept the ball passed Read in the 66th minute. Within seconds Jimmy Ryan broke away for Forest and was brought down by Chapman. Macdonald scored his 21st goal of the season from the penalty spot.

Macdonald scored the equaliser in the 84th minute only for Rees to put Forest ahead again and to victory.

The teams

Luton Town.—Read; John Ryan, Bannister, Hoy, Nicholl, Slough, Jimmy Ryan, Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens.

Nottingham Forest.—Barron; Hindley, Winfield, Chapman, O'Kane, Jackson, McIntosh, Richardson, Cormack, Lyons, Rees.