

FOREST TRIUMPH IN 7-GOAL EPIC

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IT WAS like letting 22 men loose from a lunatic asylum as Luton and Forest tore into each other as if there was no tomorrow. And as if 22 were not enough, a 23rd—teenage Forest substitute Collier—also went berserk and scored with his first touch of the ball.

Trying to make sense of this ring-a-ding Cup-tie was like trying to follow one of Luton director Eric Morecambe's zaniest comedy routines.

Sadly, there is no tomorrow for Luton, and heaven only knows what Malcolm Macdonald will think of that after scoring a hat-trick and still finishing on the losing side.

And just to confound common-sense even further, this was only Forest's second away win in 13 months and their four goals were as many as they have scored all season in League away battles.

Scramble

Thousands milled around outside before the start in a mad scramble to get in through the locked gates, but this was kids' stuff compared with the helter-skelter which went on inside the ground.

The first half could have brought six goals to the Second Division leaders, but they had to be content with a 1-1 score at half-time.

Then five goals in 24 minutes in the second half made the match look like a film of All Our Yesterdays when defences used to play as wide as open barn doors.

Peter Cormack, moving like a scalded cat, put Forest into the lead in the 17th minute when he rapped in a rebound from McIntosh's shin before anyone else could move.

Three minutes later, Macdonald put Luton level

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again with his 21st goal of the season.

Forest moved into a 2-1 lead when 19-year-old Collier came on in place of McIntosh for his first game in two months.

Came on is an understatement. He leaped off the substitute's bench, got the nod from the referee, and dashed straight into Luton's

goalmouth to head past Read from Cormack's centre.

Two minutes later Lyons raced clear to make it 3-1, but inside two minutes the crowd were again roaring as Macdonald banged home a penalty after winger Ryan was brought down.

With just eight minutes to go, the roof of the stand was almost cheered off as Macdonald made it 3-3, but Forest broke straight back again for Rees to score the winner and set the seal on one of the most exciting Cup-ties of this or any other year.



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MALCOLM MACDONALD dances in delight after leaving Forest goalkeeper JIM BARRON helpless for Luton's first goal