

Luton fall to stylish Leicester

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IT was style, as much as their victory, that indisputably stamped Leicester's claim to return to the First Division.

In an age of cautious expediency, they gave Luton a goal start in the second minute, and then proceeded to tame them with positive football as warm as the spring sunshine.

As the game progressed, Leicester became better and better. They could have had six goals. Fern, scything the defence apart as he turned at speed, gave perhaps his best performance ever.

Yet how different it could have been for Luton, who have now conceded 10 goals in three days and seen their promotion hopes dashed. When Sjoberg turned John Ryan's stinging centre into his own goal, Luton seemed set for a rousing challenge.

Master Shilton

For the next half-hour Macdonald and Busby peppered Leicester's goal, but Shilton, handling like a master, was always in the way.

In midfield, Manley and Farrington, deputies for Kellard and Glover, kept Leicester's wheels turning. Manley scored with a header from Nish's corner in the 36th minute and Farrington netted with a blistering volley from Carlin's free-kick in the 63rd minute.

Seconds before Farrington's goal, Anderson had stabbed a chance from seven yards straight at Shilton, and soon afterwards, with an open goal, Macdonald headed into the superbly positioned Shilton's arms.

Again, within seconds of that miss Nicholl's error opened the way for Brown to hit Leicester's third, and thereafter it was all Leicester.

Luton: Read; Ryan (John), Slough, Givens, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jimmy), Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson.

Leicester: Shilton; Whitworth, Nish, Manley, Sjoberg, Cross, Farrington, Fern, Brown, Carlin, Partridge, Sub Stringfellow.



Malcolm Macdonald, of Luton (white shirt), out-jumps John Sjoberg, of Leicester, during yesterday's game at Kenilworth Road which saw Leicester earn two vital promotion points.