

EXIT WANDERERS!

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Garner header puts Bolton out of Cup

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A 43rd minute header by Luton's Alan Garner put Bolton Wanderers' out of the FA Cup.

Garner popped up to nod home a corner by John Aston and momentarily silenced the 39,556 Burnden Park crowd.

The goal was against the run of play, but Luton held on comfortably in the second half, dropping quickly back into defence whenever Bolton challenged.

Bolton midfield man Roy Greaves passed a fitness test and was included in the side. There was trouble behind the goal at the Great Lever End before the game, and the police moved in to separate rival groups of supporters.

A number of fans were escorted from the ground by police, and one youth was taken away by ambulancemen, with what appeared to be a badly cut head.

There was a scare for the Wanderers in the 4th minute when Aston nodded the ball into the Bolton net. The Luton man was offside.

A right wing cross from Jim Ryan was headed away by Paul Jones. It came back to Jim Ryan, who had lost possession when he fell over McAllister's outstretched leg. The referee gave McAllister a lecture, and awarded Luton a free kick just outside the penalty area, to the right of goal.

Slough took the kick, hitting the ball hard and low into the packed penalty area.

The ball went back to Slough, who tried to burst

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS: Wright, Ritson, McAllister, Rimmer, Jones, Waldron, Nicholson, Garry Jones, Greaves, Lee, Phillips Sub.: Seddon.

LUTON TOWN: Carrick, Shanks, Thomson, Slough, Garner, Moore, Jim Ryan, John Ryan, Butlin, Hindson, Aston. Sub.: Busby.

Referee: Mr. D. W. Smith (Stonehouse, Glouc).

through, only to fall to the ground as Rimmer tried to tackle. The Luton man claimed a penalty, but the referee waved play on.

A Lee run down the right took the Bolton youngster to the corner flag, but his cross was chested down by Moore, who cleared.

NO TIME

The Wanderers had so far not settled down. They were not being given time to settle on the ball.

A Ritson free kick from the right eluded his waiting colleagues in the Luton box, and full back Shanks turned the ball back to Carrick.

Ritson and Paul Jones did well to get the ball away when Hindson crossed from the right. Jim Ryan had been injured in the move which built up the attack, and needed treatment before he could continue.

Phillips was brought down heavily by Moore as he tried to move down the middle, and as the referee awarded a free-kick to the Wanderers, he gave Slough a lecture, presumably for something he said.

Greaves touched the free-kicks sideways to McAllister, whose fierce left-foot drive skimmed the post.

The going was a little "sticky" with the ground soft on top after overnight frost.

FIRST-CLASS

A first-class Paul Jones tackle stopped Aston as the Luton man tried to cut in from the right.

A superb Garry Jones pass sent Nicholson striding away down the Bolton right wing. But his cross was not a good one, and the ball flew behind for a goal-kick to Luton.

There was a hold up while referee Mr David Smith left the field to talk to the police. He pointed towards the Great Lever end from where police had escorted a number of spectators since the game began. When play restarted,

Carrick pushed a Paul Jones header over the top from a Phillips' corner. From the second corner, again taken by Phillips, Greaves got in a shot which hit a defender.

The ball spun towards goal and Shanks headed off the line.

A free kick to Luton midway inside the Bolton half was taken by Shanks. Paul Jones got his head to the ball and Nicholson brought it clear, sending Paul Jones away. He found Garry Jones on the right, but when the return pass came, Moore was quickly in to end the raid.

There was a clash between Aston and Nicholson which led to both men receiving a 36th minute lecture from referee Smith.

He awarded Bolton a free-kick for the incident and Ritson's high ball into the box was headed away by Thomson.

But Bolton continued to press, with McAllister and Phillips trying unsuccessfully to break through down the left flank.

Garry Jones was well wide with his shot when he picked up a Greaves throw.

Luton took a lead they scarcely deserved in the 43rd minute when centre-half GARNER climbed high to nod an Aston corner into the Bolton net.

Bolton hit back, and Lee was unlucky not to hit target when his header finished up on the roof of the Luton net from a Waldron chip.

Half-time: Bolton W. 0.

Luton 1. The Wanderers who had it all to do now, were soon on the attack from the re-start. A Greaves' pass found Nicholson near the by line, but when he crossed, Thomson easily headed away.

OVER TOP

A John Ryan foul on Phillips gave the Wanderers a free kick which was taken by McAllister. Carrick did well to take the ball in the air under pressure from Nicholson.

Again, the Wanderers moved down the right, and this time, Waldron was brought down heavily by John Ryan.

Phillips put the kick across and Paul Jones got in a glancing header, which flew past the far post.

Waldron shot over the top from just outside the penalty area when Greaves nodded down a Garry Jones cross. The crowd were giving the

Wanderers plenty of encouragement but Phillips was robbed as he tried to round Jim Ryan.

Another Aston corner caused problems for the Wanderers when Wright left his line, but didn't get to the ball, but Butlin's header was wide.

A push forward by Rimmer won the Wanderers a corner on the left, and Carrick fisted the ball off the head of Nicholson from Waldron's kick. The ball ran to Lee who blazed well wide.

Wright did well to turn an awkward swerving shot from Shanks over the top.

Ritson moved down the right. Ritson moved down the right to take a Greaves pass and turn the ball back to Waldron. He slipped the ball inside to Lee, who was robbed by Thomson, who banged the ball into touch.

The Wanderers were finding that Luton had the ability to put men back into defence quickly, and the raids were coming unstuck because of weight of numbers.

A McAllister free kick found Waldron out on the left but when he put the ball across, he hit it too hard and it went behind for a goal kick to Luton.

The crowd roared when Greaves chipped the ball forward in the hope of finding Lee, but Shanks had seen the danger and was quickly in to turn the ball back to Carrick.

McAllister tried to burst through, only to be hacked down by Moore. The ball ran on to Lee, who was felled heavily by Shanks.

IN PAIN

McAllister appeared to be in some pain and needed treatment to a leg injury.

The referee awarded the Wanderers a free kick a couple of yards outside the box.

Greaves took the kick and his shot into the crowded goalmouth was deflected past their post. The Wanderers claimed a corner but Mr Smith awarded a goal kick.

An Aston foul on Waldron brought the Luton man a 69th minute booking.

The Wanderers persisted in trying to find a way through the crowded middle, when they might have been better using their flanks.

Waldron had moved over to the left of the field and, for a spell, Bolton's right wing was non-existent. Final: Bolton W. 0, Luton 1. Attendance: 39,556.



● Bolton pile on the pressure, and Garry Jones goes up to meet a cross from Ron Phillips in the Luton goalmouth.