

LUTON GO INTO LAST EIGHT

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LUTON, always opportunists, took full advantage of a brief lapse by Bolton's defence and moved smoothly into the sixth-round of the F A Cup, before a crowd of 39,556 at Burnden Park.

Before that vital 42nd-minute goal Bolton had attacked vigorously, producing some splendid saves from Carrick. Then Luton earned a corner on the right, taken by Aston.

For once the Bolton defence got the wrong side of the Luton attackers, and centre-half Garner plunged through to head into an empty net with Wright out of position.

Earlier Paul Jones had seen a header palmed over the Luton bar, McAllister had lashed in a tremendous 30-yard drive that beat Carrick but skipped past a post, and Shanks had headed a deflected drive by Greaves off the line.

Telling factor

But Luton's greater experience had been a telling factor in the first-half, and despite more hectic Bolton pressure in the second, the home side never really looked like pulling back the match.

Luton still contrived to produce the best openings of the second-half, with a great Shanks' drive palmed over the bar by Wright, and a Butlin effort headed off the line by Waldron. The nearest Bolton came in the closing stages to scoring was when Carrick just got down to take a difficult low centre from Ritson. Aston was booked in the 69th minute.

Bolton Wanderers.—Wright; Ritson, McAllister, Rimmer, Jones P., Waldron, Nicholson, Jones I., Greaves, Lee, Phillips.

Luton Town.—Carrick; Shanks, Thompson, Slough, Garner, Moore, Jim Ryan, John Ryan, Butlin, Hindson, Aston.