

Ryan hooks in winner

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Luton 1, Fulham 0

AFTER being in control for much of the game Luton had to struggle in the last 15 minutes to hang on to their lead. Indeed Fulham had enough chances in the closing stages to have snatched a win.

Twice shots from Earle, who was always a danger to Luton, cannoned off Horn's legs and Thompson cleared a header from Strong off the line.

Aston and Ryan combined to produce Luton's goal (20th minute). When Aston swung over a cross Ryan had his back to goal but he neatly hooked the ball into the corner of the net.

French went close to increasing Luton's lead with a sizzling shot that hit a post and Callaghan cleared a shot from Aston off the line with a remarkable overhead kick. Fulham brought on John Conway for Pinkney (54th minute) and the change enlivened their attack but there was no doubt that Luton deserved their victory.

Luton: Horn; Shanks. Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Goodeve, Ryan, French, Fern, Hinson, Aston.

Fulham: Mellor; Cutbush, Callaghan, Mullery, Went, Horne, Pinkney, Earle, Mitchell, Lloyd, Strong. Sub.: Conway.

Referee: H. New (Bristol).