

Craig lets off Luton

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Luton 2, Sheffield Wed. 1

LUTON, striving to refind the early-season form that made them look promotion candidates, retained their unbeaten home record with a workmanlike performance.

The margin of victory over Wednesday could have been greater had they cashed in on their first half dominance and, though 2-1 up at the break, found themselves defending strenuously towards the end.

One highlight was the promising home debut of 6-ft. striker John Sims, 21, signed on a months loan from Derby this week. He weathered some overvigorous tackling from Kent — who was booked — and his determination brought him a 40th minute goal to add to Aston's score in the 14th minute.

In a fast open game, Aston headed Luton into the lead following a throw in by Garner. Veteran Springett, who had a superb game, punched out Garner's throw, Anderson tried a shot which was deflected and Aston scored from close range.

Perfect chance

Seconds before Luton's second goal, Prendergast had set up a perfect chance for Wednesday but Craig stubbed his boot into the pitch when about to shoot. A quick Luton breakaway followed and Sims raced clear to score with a left-foot drive.

Two minutes before the break, Joicey scored for Wednesday after Knighton seized on a Garner error and put him clear with a perfect pass. With Wednesday more penetrating in the second half, Joicey should have equalised in the 64th minute from a Henderson cross but he left-footed the ball to the underside of the bar.

Luton: Horn; Shanks, Thomson; Anderson, Faulkner, Garner; Ryan, Fern, Sims, West, Aston.

Sheffield Wed.: Springett; Rodrigues, Shaw; Thompson, Kent, Craig; Henderson, Knighton, Joicey, Prendergast, Potts.

Referee: R. C. Crabb (Exeter).