

CITY FOUR-TIMER CRUSHES LUTON

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LEICESTER CITY are in the quarter-finals of the F.A. Cup following a 4—0 victory over Luton Town at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. They outclassed their Second Division rivals, especially in the second half. All the goals were fine efforts, and scored by Earle (2), Worthington and Weller.

Leicester fielded an unchanged side, with Stringfellow as substitute. But Luton created a surprise by leaving out Aston, although he was substitute.

Aston has not played for three weeks through injury, and possibly Luton were doubtful about his ability to last the game, but had him in reserve

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in case the circumstances warranted bringing him on. Fern, the ex-City player, was at number nine.

The pitch looked as if it would present a lot of problems. There was a large patch just outside the box at the Oak Road end that had so much sand on it, it looked like Blackpool beach. And at the centre the pitch looked rather swampy and likely to cut up badly.

Good tackle

There was a capacity crowd, with spivs doing a big trade selling tickets outside the ground.

A free kick to Luton could have been dangerous, but a first-time clearance by Cross in the box cleared the situation.

LUTON - - 0
CITY - - - 4

EARLE 18 mins.
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WORTHINGTON ... 61 mins.
WELLER 85 mins.

Official attendance: 25,712.
Receipts: £15,000 (record).

LUTON	LEICESTER
1. Horn	1. Shilton
2. Ryan (John)	2. Whitworth
3. Thomson	3. Rofe
4. Anderson	4. Earle
5. Faulkner	5. Munro
6. Garner	6. Cross
7. Ryan (Jim)	7. Weller
8. Husband	8. Sammels
9. Fern	9. Worthington
10. West	10. Birchenall
11. Butlin	11. Glover
12. Aston	12. Stringfellow
Referee: D. W. Smith (Gloucester)	

A run by Weller produced a corner, but it was cleared easily. There was more danger when Glover cut into the middle, but a good tackle by Garner stopped Weller when he got possession.

The nearest thing to an opening goal came when Butlin fastened on to a through pass and made for goal. Munro managed to retrieve the situation at the expense of a corner. West collected the flag-kick, crossed a diagonal ball into the goal-mouth, which was headed narrowly over the bar by Fern.

A good pass out by Cross put Glover away, but nothing came of it, and a tight situation at the other end, where Shilton jumped for a high ball and couldn't hold it, also petered out.

Horn came rather dangerously out for a lob free-kick from Birchenall and dropped the ball but fortunately for the goal-

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VERDICT

VISIONS of Luton giving Leicester a hard game evaporated in the second half, when the First Division side showed their class, and simply riddled the home team with beautiful football and deadly finishing.

If Leicester were perhaps a shade lucky to be leading at half time, there was absolutely no denying their superiority afterwards. Once Earle got his second goal, there was only one team in it.

On their second half showing Leicester looked a great cup prospect. They were brilliant in practically everything they did, and what's more, all four goals were remarkable efforts.

Even the Luton crowd had to cheer the last one — the only individual goal of the four, scored by Weller. City must surely be thinking of Wembley now.