

Earle puts Leicester in command

Luton	73/74	0
Leicester	(FAC)	4

PRE - MATCH forecasts were that Luton, in running for promotion, would give First Division opponents Leicester City a hard game—and until half-time there was little in it.

Leicester took the lead with a splendid goal by striker Steve Earle in the 18th minute. A shrewd pass by Alan Birchenall, and an accurate low cross from full-back Dennis Rofe swept the ball into the box and Earle moved in like a flash to score.

This was just about all there was between the two sides in the first half—then Leicester got to work and their brilliant football and deadly finishing now makes them look great Cup prospects.

In the 49th minute, Len Glover, out on the left, sent over a great cross and Earle jumped high to connect. His header flashed into the net, off the inside of the far post.

● Dominated

This was the deciding point. Leicester knew they had the game in their pockets, and Luton grew more dejected as the game wore on.

Any fight they had left, most of it sparked by Peter Anderson in mid-field, evaporated and the Midlands completely dominated the rest of the match.

After 61 minutes, Weller beat the Luton defence on the right, and his perfect cross was headed into the net by striker Frank Worthington.

Leicester continued to outplay Luton. A fourth goal always threatened and Keith Weller eventually scored it. After beating five opponents in a clever dribble, he finished off his run with a great left-foot shot that smashed into the net.

This was five minutes from the end, and Leicester, who did not have a weak link—every player was ready to join in their attack—finished the game high and dry.