

KING'S HEAD CROWNS HATTERS SUCCESS

75/76
HULL CITY... 1 LUTON... 2
ATTENDANCE: 5,449 (£2,300)

THERE WAS NOTHING poverty-stricken about some of the football produced by Luton Town when they visited Hull City at Boothferry Park this afternoon.

The Tigers were disrupted by an early injury to de Vries, but Luton had already looked the better side and after 25 minutes Husband shot them ahead.

It took City a long time to raise their game above a sedate pace, but after halftime, Wood who did well after going back into defence, equalised. Luton, however, regained the lead and the initiative, King scoring with a fine header.

City showed more sparkle in the later stages of a game which had frequently been interrupted by free-kicks, with the Hatters' Ron Futchter and King being booked, but the Tigers were generally below their best.

New man Lyall had a quiet debut, but still showed enough good touches to hint that he will be a useful acquisition when he settles in.

By DAVID BOND

George Lyall, City's new £20,000 signing from Nottingham Forest, made his debut at inside-left in the absence of the suspended Chris Galvin.

There was another change in midfield, where John Hawley was recalled in place of Dave Gibson, who became substitute.

In defence, full-back Roger de Vries returned after a hamstring injury instead of Frank Banks, and Paul Haigh was brought back in place of the injured Dave Roberts.

City were skippered by centre-half Stuart Croft for the first time, in the absence of Roberts and Jimmy McGill.

Luton kept the side who beat West Bromwich Albion last week, with Ron Futchter continuing at centre-forward, following Peter Anderson's move to Antwerp.

HULL CITY: Wealands; Daniel, de Vries; Hawley, Croft, Haigh; Grimes, Fletcher, Wood, Lyall, Greenwood. Sub.: Gibson.

LUTON TOWN: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley; Chambers, Faulkner, P. Futchter; Husband, King, R. Futchter, West, Aston. Sub.: Jim Ryan.

Referee: T. Farley (Newton Aycliffe).

De Vries went on an early run, but was dispossessed by Faulkner. Croft, the Tigers' centre-half, did the same thing when beating Ron Futchter at the other end.

Town gained a free-kick, taken by Ryan, but Haigh cleared strongly and then King found Husband with a good crossfield pass and Wealands had to dive to save the shot.

Wood robbed King and although Paul Futchter deflected the ball away, Grimes

storming run and Hawley carried on the move to hammer in a powerful shot which Barber pushed for a corner. The flag-kick was fruitless, however, because of an infringement.

Lyall did well to get the Tigers going down the left but Fletcher's cross went just behind.

A corner by Aston saw Ron Futchter try a diving header and when he argued with Mr Farley,

SCOREBOARD

HUSBAND (Luton) ... 25min.
WOOD (City) 49min.
KING (Luton) 55min.

who had given a goal-kick, he promptly had his name taken.

Croft moved up for a throw-in and found Gibson but he was beaten by West. There had been a lot of stoppages for free-kicks and Daniel was pulled up for a tackle on Husband just outside the box.

West pushed the free-kick to Chambers, who screwed his shot badly wide. Lyall gave Haigh the chance to overlap down the left but his attempted cross went dead.

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A pass by Wood, which was intended for Hawley, went dead. Wood was then spoken to after disputing a free-kick, but he atoned just afterwards by equalising.

Aston was penalised for hand ball. Daniel swung over a long free-kick from the right and Wood outjumped Barber to glance it home.



KEITH BARKER, Luton Town's keeper loses the ball as Hull City's Stuart Croft challenges him, but the ball eludes the Tigers' and the Hatters clear the danger.

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Greatfield BC 2; Cavendish M. 5
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Pickering W. 6, Boulevard Unt. 11
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Cavendish M. 0; Pickering R. 1
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