

LUTON-CARDIFF

THRILLER

Luton ... 2 Cardiff ... 1

When two teams combine grit and aggression with skill and intelligence the outcome has to be thrilling. So it proved at Kenilworth Road but fewer than 9,000 were there to enjoy it.

By half-time Luton had broken through twice. Deans, back after missing five matches because of a broken nose, kept a cool head to tap in a low cross from Price in the 16th minute.

A quarter of an hour later big-hearted Ron Futchers added the second from an awkward position to the left of the goal.

Cardiff refused to surrender and their fight back was rewarded by an Evans goal in the 74th minute.

Futchers in form

Ron Futchers was Luton's best forward and his twin brother Paul gave an accomplished performance in defence where he had good support from the 17-year-old Jones.

Cardiff manager, Jimmy Andrews, formerly coach at Luton, sent on ex-Luton striker Adrian Alston for defender Pethard in the 70th minute. His switch almost worked, but Luton held on and saw Ron Futchers miss two good chances late in the game.

Luton.—Barber; Price, Buckley, Chambers, Jones, Futchers, P., Deans, West, Futchers, R., Fuccillo, Aston.

Cardiff City.—Healey; Dwyer, Pethard (sub: Alston 70 min.), Buchanan, Went, Lamour, Sayer, Livermore, Evans, Showers, Anderson.



1967 ● Welcome back: Dixie Deans marks his return after injury by sliding the ball into the net for the Town's first goal