BANNSTER GRABS PONT STRUGG HULL CITY. LUTON.

ATTENDANCE: 8,936

HULL CITY OPENED efficiently against Luton Town at Kenilworth-road this afternoon and were a little unlucky to go a goal down after 34min. when slack marking allowed Husband to head home. But generally honours were even in the first half and there was plenty of good football from the Tigers.

They were forced to defend more grimly in the second half as Luton began to pile on the pressure, but Bannister popped up with an equaliser after 68min.

Apart from a spell early in the second half, the Tigers were pegged back more and more and had some anxious moments, but there was no denying the valiant way in which they stuck to their task, particularly in defence.

They were well worth a point because they played wit hplenly of keenness and understanding, specially in the first half when they performed well enough to ensure that Luton were totally unable to stamp their authority on the game.

NISBET DROPPED

In view of Lution's home record, in which they had

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dropped only one point and conceded only one goal before this afternoon, City had every reason to be pleased with their well be performance.

City manager Bobby Collins left out Gordon Nisbet, who was in midfield against Blackburn Rovers last weekend, and recalled winger Dave Stewart, whose brother Tom, is an apprentice on Luton's books. Midfield man Chris Galvin had recovered from knee trouble, so the Tigers were otherwise unchange.

Luton kept the side who drew 0-0 away to Manchester City in their League Cup replay in midweek, but there was a change at substitute, where defender David Carr was named because of a slight doubt about the fitness of full-back Steve Buckley, who has had groin trouble.

Town were again without striker Phil Boersma, who is now in plaster because of an Achilles tendon injury.

Price, Buckley, West, Faulk-ner, P. Futcher, Husband, Hill, R. Futcher, Fuccillo, Heale. Sub: Carr.

HULL CITY: Wealands, Daniel, de Vries, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Galvin, Grimes, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart. Sub: Sunley.

REFEREE: T, G. Bune (Billingshurst).

A bad pass by Bremner allowed Luton to make head-CITY skipper redeemed himself with a tackle on Fuccillo.

When Buckley lofted the

ball forward, Dobson headed for a corner, which was eventually banked clear by Bannister. City broke away and Paul Futcher passed back well to Aleksic when but under pressure by put under pressure Stewart.

Warbovs took a throw-in

on the left and linked with Stewart and Grimes before hitting a low shot just wide when the ball was returned to him. Warboys, Bannister, Daniel

and Grimes progressed down the right and Paul Futcher gave away a throw-in. From it, Bannister moved in and Aleksic had to dive to grab his cross shot.

Luton came away through Ron Futcher and West and Heale had a shot blocked by Wealands, but he was off-

side, anyway.

WASTED CHANCE

Dobson's determination in the tackle allowed him to join up with Bannister, but Stewart twice wasted the opportunity to get in a telling centre. Daniel, Warboys and Grimes combined neatly and the right but eventually on the right, but eventually the Tigers were forced back

Stewart and Galvin linked on the left and when Bannister headed on the resultant centre. West had to move in to nod the ball back to Aleksic. Bannister and Aleksic. Bannister and Stewart tried a one-two, but Price got there to pass back to Aleksic.

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Paul Futcher played Luton out of trouble neatly as Galvin threatened on the right after Bannister had taken advantage of poor control by Hill.

Dobson headed out a long throw by Price and there was then a hold-up while Fuccillo had treatment, but he eventually continued.

Daniel and Dobson got in vital clearing headers as crosses came over from both flanks and then the Tigers' defence were stretched for the first time. Buckley seized on a Haigh clearance and sent over a cross which Ron Futcher, who was in too much space, glanced wide.

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A Stewart shot was deflected for a corner, although Warboys looked to be in an offside position. Stewart pushed the flag kick to Bannister and sent over a teasing cross which floated wide.

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about some of his decisions during the half.

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Bannister and Galvin tried Bannister and Galvin tried to make an opening down the right, but were forced out. Daniel then pushed the ball forward for Bannister, but it went dead, Buckley tried to go on an overlap, but Daniel cleared the danger, exchanged passes with Baninster and burst down the right. He turned the ball inside for Grimes, but the Hatters' de-

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HUSBAND (Luton) 34min BANNISTER (City) 68min

fence eventually the ball away

At the other end, Heale moved inside and when he tried a shot, Wealands failed to hold the ball, but Bremner did extremely well to play the Tigers out of danger. At the other

Haigh tackled Ron Futcher well and completed a one-two, thanks to a clever flick by Galvin. He found Banister on the left and he flashed a low shot across the goal and just wide.

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Daniel beat two men and pushed a measured pass forward to Bannister, who cut inside to find Grmes, but again the Lution defence managed to get the ball away. Buckley and Bannister were spoken to after a foul on the City player, and then Stewart moved forward to try a low shot from long range, but it was taken by Aleksic.

Haigh did well to cut out a low cross from the left by Husband and then, after a

low cross from the left by Husband and then, after a foul by Galvin, Price headed wide from Buckley's free-kick. Husband pushed the ball through the middle for Ron Futcher to chase, but Haigh did well to turn it back to Weallands.

POURING RAIN

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