

ROKER ROAR TO ANOTHER GREAT WIN

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LUTON TOWN 0
SUNDERLAND 3

TWO headed goals by Gary Rowell and Wayne Entwistle from almost identical spots gave Sunderland a great start in their fast and furious battle against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Sunderland were full value for they had fought it out well against a resourceful Luton side. Luton came out fighting for the second half and Clarke and Elliott were often at full stretch as Hill and Stein teamed up well in the middle.

Argus reports from Kenilworth Road

Sunderland were unchanged but Luton had to call upon Graham Jones at centre half in place of Chris Turner who was injured while Rickie Hill returned after injury in place of David Carr, who was sub.

The weather was bright but extremely cold with a fresh breeze down the full length of the pitch.

Buckley won the toss for Sunderland and decided to take advantage of the wind.

There was a free kick for Sunderland in the early minutes but Lee failed to collect Clarke's kick and Luton were quickly on the attack. Hatton kept it going with a strong run on the left and from his centre Hill got in a header which was gathered by Siddall.

Then Lee had Sunderland moving when winning the ball in the Sunderland half to hit a long one through for Entwistle. The Sunderland striker however, did not control it quickly enough and Donaghy beat him in the tackle.

LINKED ON RIGHT

Then Henderson and Rowell linked on the right for Henderson to go on and finish with a left foot shot which travelled just outside the post.

Fuccillo then took on Henderson and beat him cleverly on the left wing, but Siddall was in command at the near post.

From his centre Elliott held off Hatton in a run on the right to force the ball out of play for a throw-in. When Hill's throw was moved out Aizlewood tried a long shot which dipped just over the bar.

Sunderland gained a free kick a yard outside the penalty area when Rowell was tripped but the chance was not turned to account.

From a quickly taken free-kick on the left for a foul on Moss by Clarke, Moss raced through a gap into the Sunderland penalty area where Henderson got in a strong challenge.

Luton stayed up to force a corner but Moss's kick was headed out by Clarke.

A foul on Henderson by West gave Sunderland a chance to make progress again from a free kick. The ball was moved square to Clarke and when he played it forward, Entwistle was again unable to bring it under control.

Sunderland's goal was not long delayed however, and it came in 21 minutes when Rostron, holding the ball under pressure on the left, turned quickly to centre and ROWELL applied a neat deflection which sent it wide of Lawson and just inside the far post.

Moss led a strong Luton drive on the left and finished with a shot which Siddall dived to cover as it travelled just outside.

Siddall was called upon to dash from goal and dive at Hill's feet when the Luton midfield man was sent clear from a free-kick.

PACE MOUNTING

The pace of the game was mounting all the time with both sides accepting every opportunity to attack. Hatton created a great chance for Moss when drawing Clarke out to the wing and turned inside of him to play the ball through for the winger. Moss had only Siddall ahead of him

THE TEAMS

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LUTON TOWN	SUNDERLAND
1. Lawson	1. Siddall
2. Price	2. Henderson
3. Aizlewood	3. Bolton
4. Hill	4. Chisholm
5. Jones	5. Clarke
6. Donaghy	6. Elliott
7. West	7. Buckley
8. Fuccillo	8. Rostron
9. Stein	9. Entwistle
10. Hatton	10. Lee
11. Moss	11. Rowell
Sub Carr	Sub Brown
Ref. Mr A. Sebble (Birmingham)	



Heads, it's Gary and Wayne at the double!

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as he sent his drive into the side netting.

A Fuccillo foul on Rostron gave Sunderland a free-kick well inside their own half and though Elliott placed it over the Luton defence Entwistle had no chance of reaching it before it was out of play for a goal kick.

Next came a free-kick against Lee but Price, although moving well on the overlap, lost his footing and before he was ready to go again the ball was over the line for a goal kick to Sunderland.

Goal lines

ROWELL.....	21 min.
ENTWISTLE.....	38 min.
LEE	65 min.

In 35 minutes Clarke was booked for preventing a free-kick awarded against him for being taken quickly. Then Entwistle, challenging strongly, won the ball against fierce opposition on the right and realizing that the goalkeeper was out of position tried a shot which was cleared by Price.

Siddall was in action again diving out to collect a centre by Hatton just short of the in-rushing Hill.

Clarke took a hand in Sunderland's next attack when the ball broke favourably for him and he kept going. He was challenged on the edge of the penalty area and when the ball broke loose, Rostron tapped it on again for Clarke to bring a great save from Lawson with a left foot drive.

Sunderland went further ahead in the 38th minute when Buckley hit a long shot from about 25 yards and Lawson,

probably unsighted as Entwistle tried to get a touch, allowed the ball to travel across his body and into the net.

Elliott did well to beat Hatton to a well placed ball by West but he ran into difficulties when trying to play the ball out and gave away a free-kick with a tackle on Price three yards outside the penalty area. Elliott again pulled Sunderland round with a fine challenge after Stein had beaten Clarke and centered from the left.

HALF TIME

LUTON	0
SUNDERLAND	2

Elliott surprised the Luton defence at the start of the second half when overlapping on the left to drive the ball into the middle. Unfortunately there was no one up to turn an excellent chance to advantage.

Rostron was pulled down by Aizlewood on the right without gaining any award from the referee and then Sunderland were covering up desperately when Stein beat Elliott and centred for Hatton to head over.

Entwistle could only have been inches off-side when Rowell opened up the Luton defence with a brilliant through ball.

In the 60th min. Donaghy was booked for a foul on Entwistle, Siddall did well to gather a shot from Hatton which had been deflected by a defender and then Sunderland were back again hammering away at the Luton goal with Entwistle going close.

Sunderland played the ball down the right in great style for Rostron to beat Aizlewood before lifting his cross to the far post where LEE was waiting to head down well out of Lawson's reach for a third goal.

Siddall dived bravely among swinging boots when two Luton forwards chased a ball into the middle and from the free-kick which followed Rostron tried to break on the right but was pulled up for a foul on Aizlewood.

Clarke headed out from just short of the line when Price centred. Buckley pressed forward on the right to get over a great cross but Entwistle could not climb high enough to reach it at the far post.

FINAL

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SUNDERLAND	3

Attendance: 10,249.