

# IT'S HATS OFF TO IPSWICH

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**HATS off to Ipswich Town.** Bobby Robson's brilliant side turned on the style in the second half at Kenilworth Road this afternoon to knock Second Division leaders Luton Town out of the FA Cup with a three-goal blast.

Town's victory meant that they had established a new club record of nine consecutive victories and what a way for Mick Mills to celebrate his 700th appearance.

Alan Brazil put Town in front in the 62nd minute and Eric Gates scored twice in the 71st and 86th minutes.

Town were again unchanged with Kevin O'Callaghan as the substitute. Luton captain Brian Horton passed a fitness test on a knee injury so the team was as expected with Yugoslav international Radi Antic on the substitute's bench.

There was a marvellous atmosphere in this compact ground long before the kick-off with the Town supporters at the open end of the ground in their thousands.

It was an ideal afternoon for football with the weather mild, and the pitch in good condition.

There was a tremendous reception for Mick Mills who was making his 700th appearance from the 8,000 Town fans as he led the team out.

Town, wearing a changed strip of scarlet shirts and black shorts, defended the end where their supporters were behind and from the kick-off Butcher had the first touch and booted the ball into touch.

Luton tried to make the early running but Town looked confident from the outset and there was very little action in the opening minutes.

McCall did some good work to get Town out of a spot of trouble in the fifth minute and then Findlay was forced

## THE TEAMS

**LUTON TOWN:** Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo, Moss. Substitute Antic.

**IPSWICH TOWN:** Cooper; Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates. Substitute O'Callaghan.

**REFEREE:** Mr. Clive Thomas (Porthcawl)

**Luton ..... 0**  
**Ipswich ..... 3**

clearance from Cooper was knocked on by Mariner for Gates but as the little striker was about to shoot Donaghy

the post.

Town earned the first corner of the match in the 13th minute following a superb pass from McCall who found Brazil in an unmarked position. Brazil took the ball forward before trying a shot which struck Aizlewood.

Town attacked again in the shape of Burley and Brazil who carved out a half opening for Wark who was squeezed out as he tried to get in his shot.

**It was really a well balanced match with both sides intent on attacking and in the 22nd**



minute Luton came within an ace of taking the lead.

Stephens made a break down the right before finding Hill who cut in and let go with a left-foot shot from just inside the penalty area that hit the bar with tremendous force.

That incident seemed to inspire the Second Division side and moments later it needed a good tackle by McCall to

**■ ALAN BRAZIL — scored his seventh goal in six games at Luton today.**

halt the industrious Hill.

Town were the next to show with Wark feeding the over-lapping Burley on the right and from the full-back's cross to the far post, Mariner got above Goodyear but his header was just off target.

It was really building up into a fine cup match and, at this stage, no one would bet on the outcome.

There was a hold-up in play for a few moments in the 32nd minute when Fuccillo had to receive a spot of treatment after being caught by Mariner but he was soon able to continue.

Burley was penalised for obstruction on the lively



Moss in the 35th minute and from Fuccillo's free-kick just outside the penalty area Mills dived full length to head clear.

Town had not got into the fluent style that is a hallmark of their game but they

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had been hustled and hustled out of their stride by hard working Luton.

There was a hold-up for a couple of minutes after Butcher had been caught in the face by Stein's boot. Butcher had finished Monday's League Cup quarter-final victory against Watford with facial knocks but he was able to continue although his nose was still bleeding profusely and he had a cloth in his hand to mop the blood away.

## Booked

In Town's next attack Findlay was forced to race out of his area to clear from Mariner and then, in the 40th minute, Wark was booked for body checking Fuccillo.

Wark, who collected his second booking of the season can count himself a little unlucky in the circumstances.

There had been few chances at either end but in the 42nd minute Muhren sent Brazil clear on the right but from the Scot's cross Mills completely mis-kicked on the edge of the penalty area.

The first 45 minutes of continual non-stop action finished with Town on the attack and when the whistle went Butcher made a bee-line for the dressing room to receive further treatment on his bloodied nose.

A goalless score-line at the half-way stage was a true

reflection of this tie so far.

Half-time:  
**LUTON TOWN.....0**  
**IPSWICH TOWN.....0**

Butcher was quickly in action when the second-half got under way and showed no signs of his nose injury.

Mariner put in a header in the 48th minute from a cross by Butcher which proved no trouble for Findlay and when Town did try to get going ghey found the Luton defence in a determined mood and who seldom missed a tackle.

Town created a chance a minute later when, from a Muhren throw-in on the left, McCall crossed to the far post where Mariner chested the ball down and then fired wide of the target.

Luton came forward in the hope of upsetting the Division 1 league leaders and a long throw from Aizlewood to the near post was back-headed by White, but Cooper was well positioned to collect the ball.

Only a magnificent save by Findlay in the 54th minute prevented Town from taking the lead. A well-worked move involving Wark and Gates saw Brazil knock the ball back from the edge of the penalty area to Mariner who let go with a left-foot shot but Findlay rose to the occasion and brilliantly tipped the shot over the bar.

Town appealed in vain for a penalty in the 59th minute when Brazil went tumbling down under a challenge from Findlay but referee Thomas waived the appeals aside because in fact, Brazil

had pushed Donaghy in the first place.

Three minutes later Town broke the deadlock with a goal of some simplicity. A long clearance from Cooper was flicked on by Mariner and BRAZIL ran through and beat the oncoming Findlay with a shot of true accuracy.

It was Brazil's 11th goal of the season and his seventh in the last six matches.

Luton almost equalised four minutes later when White chested down a Stein cross and shot which Cooper

## GOALCHART

|                        | Minute |
|------------------------|--------|
| BRAZIL (Ipswich) ..... | 62     |
| GATES (Ipswich) .....  | 71     |
| GATES (Ipswich) .....  | 86     |

could only half save but Osman was on hand to clear up.

Butcher was having more trouble with his nose and had to require further treatment but Town, by now well in the driving seat, went forward and the brilliant McCall provided an opening from which Gates headed down and Brazil fired high over.

Luton sent on substitute Antic for Aizlewood in an attempt to force at least a replay but in the 71st minute Town went further ahead.

Mills celebrated his 700th appearance by being totally involved in a mesmerising move that went from one side of the pitch to the other.

In the end, Mills put the ball in the path of the over-lapping

**Burley who crossed low and GATES fired home from 12 yards out.**

It was Gates eighth goal of the season.

A minute later Donaghy was booked for a trip on Mariner and then Town sent on substitute O'Callaghan for Butcher, who looked in a bad way, and Wark dropped back to the heart of the defence.

There was no doubt that Town were safely through to the fifth Round and certainly their large number of supporters were very happy.

Town looked the more likely to score again and in the 82nd minute Gates turned on the edge of the box and fired just over.

O'Callaghan, who had looked lively from the moment he had come on, made a telling run through the middle before finding Mariner who back-heeled the ball into Muhren's path and the Dutchman saw his shot rebound off Findlay.

Town increased their lead in the 86th minute with a second goal of the match from GATES.

Town caught Luton on the break and from Mills' cross from the left Gates saw his first shot rebound off Findlay but made no mistake with the rebound.

The closing moments were really of academic interest although Stein missed a good chance of pulling one back for Luton when he shot high over from a good position.

Result:  
**LUTON TOWN.....0**  
**IPSWICH TOWN.....3**

Attendance 20,188.