

LUTON ARE 83/84 PUT OFF THEIR GAME

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Sunderland...2 Luton...0

LUTON'S championship challenge faltered in a vicious, swirling wind at Roker Park on a day more suited to fastidiousness than flamboyance when two second half goals in a six minute spell ensured, Sunderland's continued progress up the First Division table.

The Wearsiders, for whom Lee Chapman, a £100,000 acquisition from Arsenal, was making his debut, profited from a more robust style after Luton, with the elements at first in their favour, had threatened to overwhelm their opponents in the first half hour.

Bracewell proved to be the midfield catalyst who turned the game in Sunderland's favour, prompting a revival at the end of the first half which gave a clear indication of Luton's inevitable demise.

Glancing header

As expected, the second half began with a flourish as Proctor, Chapman, Robson and Bracewell all went close before the latter's wind-assisted centre deceived the Luton defence and Chisholm sent a glancing header into the bottom corner of the net.

Soon after, with Luton even then resigned to defeat, Daniel lost possession on the edge of his penalty area to Pickering, whose low, angled drive left Sealey stranded.

Anxiety then crept into the game, resulting in bookings for Walsh, Stein, Horton and Donaghy, with James the only home player cautioned.

Sunderland. — C. Turner; Venison, Pickering, Atkins, Chisholm, S. Elliott, Bracewell, Chapman, West, Proctor, James (Robson, 45).

Luton Town. — Sealey, Johnson (Antic, 67), W. Turner, Horton, P. Elliott, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Walsh, Bunn, Daniel.