



**WINNER:** Wayne Turner scores the only goal at Kenilworth Road. Terry's challenge was too late.

# Wayne wins the marathon

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## FIFTH ROUND, SECOND REPLAY

By COLIN MALAM: Luton 1, Watford 0

A PASS totally out of place in a rough-hewn second replay finally settled this marathon FA Cup fifth round tie in Luton's favour at Kenilworth Road yesterday.

There was some real precision and finesse about the ball Garry Parker, Luton's young, talented midfielder, suddenly played clean through the middle of the previously impregnable Watford defence after 58 minutes.

It released Wayne Turner, one of Parker's midfield partners, for a shot that he swept fiercely past Coton. It was Turner's first goal of the season and the best possible way to celebrate his 24th birthday.

So Luton claimed the prize of a home quarter-final tie against Third Division Millwall on Wednesday with a goal created and scored by two players who might not have played in other circumstances.

Parker impressed as substitute

in the first replay while Turner appeared alongside him because two of Luton's signing this season, Nicholas and Preece, are Cup-tied.

Luton's outstanding player, however, was Brian Stein, the striker who made one ill-fated appearance for England. It was he who set up Parker for the decisive through pass by winning the ball and playing it back.

Stein's mastery of the basic skills and his capacity for doing the unexpected kept the Watford defence at full stretch, particularly in a second half of better quality than the first.

Watford were the more dangerous before the interval, but that is not saying a lot. The best

of their work usually stemmed from John Barnes, surprisingly recalled to the colours at a time when a hamstring injury was expected to keep him out of action for a month.

Twice in the first half Barnes tested Sealey with fierce shots. The goalkeeper blocked the first with his foot and beat away the second with his fists. Each time Watford were unable to make anything of the rebound.

Coton, who had saved twice from Nwajiobi in the first half, was the busier goalkeeper after the interval. Before Luton scored, Coton had to save at Nwajiobi's feet and then dive to keep out a header by Harford.

Once Turner had struck Luton began to play with some genuine and welcome fluency and Coton

was happy enough to scramble the ball round a post when Hill put the persistent Nwajiobi through for a shot.

They could have done with another goal because Watford summoning up what was left of their stamina, staged a late rally which stretched the nerve of the Luton fans to the limit. But the home defence held firm and Sealey dived to save from Taylor on the one occasion that Watford threatened to take this battle between local rivals to yet another match.

Match-winner Turner revealed afterwards that he had suffered from influenza all week. "I've never felt so bad in my life," he said. "My legs were like jelly and my head felt terrible. I spent all Thursday in bed and only did some light training on Friday."

**Luton:** Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi, Parker.  
**Watford:** Coton; Sinnott, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, Barnes, Lohman, Jackett.  
**Referee:** J. Bray (Hinckley).