

MEKA'S MAGIC IS JUST IN TIME

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● Meka Nwajiobi
... sparked fight-back

TWO dramatic goals in the last 10 minutes rescued Luton from the jaws of defeat in Tuesday's Milk Cup clash at Sheffield United.

As the minutes ticked by it looked likely that the Hatters would have to carry a one goal deficit into the second

Late goals win it

**SHEFF UTD 1
LUTON 2**

leg, but Brian Stein and Meka Nwajiobi popped up with a winning double act.

First Stein scored a close range equalizer

from a Nwajiobi cross, and then Nwajiobi himself hammered a last-minute winner in off the post.

But Luton's success had not looked likely earlier, when United's star studded line-up had worked hard to create openings in the Town defence.

Colin Morris broke through but failed to beat Les Sealey with a disappointing shot, and then Sealey was forced into action again to save a diving header from the same player.

Steve Foster celebrated his 28th birthday with a good performance at the heart of the defence, but he was left flat-footed when United

grabbed the lead a minute before half-time.

Ex-Liverpool captain Phil Thompson floated a free-kick to the near post where Peter Withe flicked it on for Steve Foley to head home.

The goal, coupled with a stern half-time talk from David Pleat, spurred Luton into life in the second-half.

Celebrated

They took over the midfield and started to make openings in the home defence, but for a long time the vital goal eluded them.

David Preece, who had earlier hit the post with a low drive, was in battling mood, and Peter Nicholas provided

the driving force as Luton pushed up.

Stein and Nwajiobi always looked like making the breakthrough, and their perseverance paid off in those last dramatic minutes.

Dramatic

Luton have good reason to be pleased with the result in a match that always promised to be a hard battle.

Now they carry their lead on to the second leg at Kenilworth Road on October 8.

SHEFFIELD UTD: Burridge, Eckhardt, Bolton, Thompson, Foley, McNaught, Morris, Cockerill, Withe, Lewington, Edwards.

LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi, Preece.