

# Carr crashes through the Luton defence

Nottingham Forest 2, Luton 0

A man called Carr mesmerised the motor town team as Hatters were well beaten at the City Ground yesterday.

Luton had no answer to the pace and skill of the brilliant Forest winger and can have no complaints about the result.

Garry Parker came in for his first game since August, replacing Nicky Hill in the Hatters line up.

Forest were forced to leave out international pair Peter Davenport, through suspension, and Gary Birtles with a twisted ankle.

Luton made the early running. After a mistake by Metgod, Preece sent over a left wing cross for Harford to head down. King was unlucky as the final as the final strike dipped over the bar.

It was Forest 'keeper Sutton who was forced to make the first save of the game, keeping out a drive by Harford after Parker had created the opening.

Forest surged back after these early Luton threats to pile on a period of the same pressure. The trickery of Franz Carr twisted the Luton defenders and created panic in the heart of the Luton back four.

Harford had to spend

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several minutes in his own penalty area relieving the pressure, but Luton weathered the storm and came back to force two corners in quick succession. Donaghy headed just over from the second.

The game now swung from end to end and as Forest raced forward, Clough was unlucky with a low drive that snaked across Sealey's goal.

Parker, a late replacement when Hill suffered a thigh strain in training, was responsible for creating most of Luton's chances and they were unlucky when he sent Stein nipping through the Forest defence before pulling his shot wide.

Parker again opened up Forest, this time with a sweetly struck pass to Preece on the left wing. Harford connected with the cross but the ball crept the wrong side of the post.

Luton skipper Foster was booked as he tried to cope with the pace and power of Clough but moments later, the Forest manager's son had the last laugh.

It was Forest who gave away a foul on the edge of the

box when he tripped Bowyer, and Nigel Clough stepped up to crack the free kick low into the left hand corner of Sealey's goal.

Sealey kept Luton in the game early in the second half with a magnificent save from a fierce drive by Clough after Carr's electrifying pace had left Luton's defenders flat-footed.

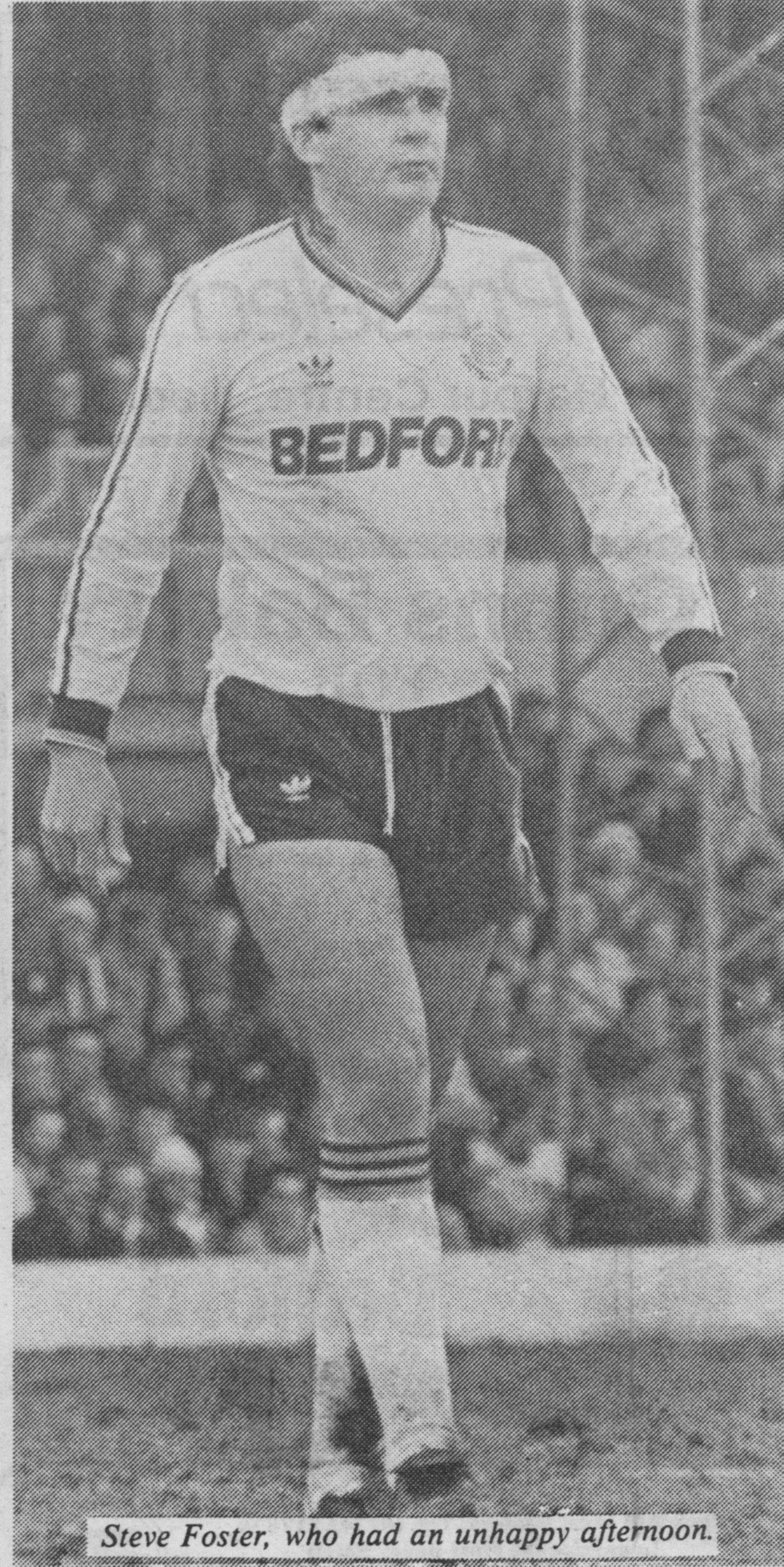
Again Carr's speed took him past struggling Luton defenders to bring another fine save from Sealey.

With Luton now under the cosh, it was Sealey who was again the hero, keeping out a Clough header,

But there was still life left in Luton and Sutton brilliantly parried a point blank range header from Donaghy in the 65th minute. This was Luton's best chance of the game.

Moments later, King found himself with only Sutton to beat, but the tame shot was pushed to safety by Sutton.

Luton fell two goals behind after 79 minutes. A header by Webb was pushed on to the crossbar by Sealey, but the Forest striker recovered to knock the ball over the line.



*Steve Foster, who had an unhappy afternoon.*