

Match details

SOUTHAMPTON 1 LUTON TOWN 2

HALF-TIME: 0-1

TOWN: Sealey; Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Thomas; Hill, Nicholas, Preece; Stein, Harford, Newell. Sub: Johnson, not used.

SOUTHAMPTON: Shilton; Forrest, Wright, Bond, Holmes, Dennis; Case, Cockerill, Armstrong; Wallace, Moran. Sub: Lawrence, not used.

THE GOALS: Mike Newell for the Town, 28 minutes, drive from the edge of the box; David Armstrong for the Saints, 63 minutes, similar shot after cross half-cleared; Brian Stein for the Town, 88 minutes, solo effort from Newell's pass with Southampton stretched and believing Stein was offside.

OTHER STRIKES: Town two saved and two wide, all in the first half; Southampton eight saved, including a penalty, four wide and one hit the woodwork. Corners: 6-2 to Southampton.

ATTENDANCE: 13,740 highest at The Dell this year.

REFEREE: Les Shapter, Torquay — not entirely consistent, and suffered from a poor linesman. His insistence on holding up the game for two minutes for a penalty spot to be re-marked was too much for David Armstrong, who had his spot kick saved.

ENTERTAINMENT: Exciting stuff on a good soft pitch, with the Town's back-to-the-wall defence surviving against all the odds in the second half.

BOOKED: Mal Donaghy and Tim Breacker, both for fouls.

COLOUR NOTE: The new blue change kit was a winner again, after losing for the first time at Highbury the previous week.