

HILL'S MAGIC CARPET SHOW

RICKY HILL, a soccer sorcerer on Luton's magic carpet pitch, deserved more than merely a draw bonus from this Kenilworth Road cliffhanger.

Hill, back on the England international fringe, gave Arsenal's all-stars a hatful of headaches with the most impressive midfield performance the Gunners have been confronted with all season.

But the late winner Hill and his Hatters deserved simply refused to come. No Cup-tie was ever more fiercely contested than this fifth round see-saw and it was Hill's black magic cabaret that earned the afternoon's top billing.

**Luton 2
Arsenal 2**

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Even if Luton lose out in the Highbury replay on Tuesday, Hill is bound to receive a rave report when Arsenal boss Don Howe next checks in with England supremo Bobby Robson.

It was appropriate that Hill should get the opening goal. It was unfortunate he didn't get the winner, for no man did more to earn it.

Hill's goal came after only eight minutes. Mitchell Thomas crossed, Hill controlled the ball superbly, turned Steve Williams completely, and rifled his shot confidently past John Lukie.

Arsenal bounced bravely back on a

plastic pitch which played perfectly. In the 14th minute Charlie Nicholas—substituted late in the game by Paul Mariner—made his one major contribution to the afternoon.

From a fierce, low right-wing free kick by Graham Rix, Nicholas produced an incredible back-heel flick which got an even more incredible save from Luton's 'keeper Les Sealey, who deserved a better fate than to lose an equaliser to Ian Allinson a minute later.

When David Rocastle headed Arsenal into a 26th-minute lead after a magnificent cross on the turn by Tony Woodcock the Gunners looked well on their way to the last eight.

Trouble flared when Mick Harford threw a punch in the Arsenal penalty box, and the big Luton striker was booked almost immediately after that incident for pulling at Lukie.

That was Harford's third booking in three matches against Arsenal this season, but he soon shrugged off the shock. After 39 minutes, from a Mitchell Thomas lob, Harford drove Luton's equaliser.

The second half lagged in places but the longer it went the more Luton looked like winning it.

Lucky

From a glorious through ball by Hill, David Leary had to produce an amazing tackle to foil Brian Stein. That tackle led to Stein limping off, to be replaced by Garry Parker. But it didn't stop the Luton charge.

Hill glided gracefully onto a Thomas pass in the 76th minute but watched in agony as his shot squirmed across the face of the goal and just wide. Three minutes later, Hill put Mark North through but the big