

HEATH IS THE HERO FOR

85/86(FAC)

EVERTON



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LUTON 2, EVERTON 2.
(Half-time—1-0.)

Scorers: — Luton — Harford (21 min.), Stein (63); Everton — Sharp (65), Heath (77).

IN almost a carbon copy of last year's semi-final at Hillsborough, Everton came back from the dead to resurrect their FA Cup hopes.

A goal down with five minutes to go on that occasion, Everton came back to win it in extra-time.

This time they need a replay on Wednesday night at Goodison to have the chance to sink gallant Luton once again.

It was little Adrian Heath, coming on as a substitute, who snatched the dramatic equaliser.

Following a throw-in on

the left, Gary Lineker scissor-kicked over his head into Luton's penalty area.

Steve Foster was well placed to clear, but lost control on the synthetic surface. And Heath was on the loose ball in a flash to place it in the far corner.

The substitution of Heath for Pointon was made just seconds before Everton pulled themselves back into the game.

Manager Howard Kendal gambled in taking off a defender to concentrate on all-out attack as Gary Stevens prepared to take a free-kick 10 yards into Luton's half.

With Heath on, Stevens floated the kick into the crowded area.

Graeme Sharp came in like an express train with Luton defender Mal Donaghy and got there first to flash the ball home. And once Heath had completed the fight-back, Everton were in complete command.

In fact Lineker should have won it but with only goalkeeper Sealey to beat following Reid's through ball, he allowed the 'keeper to make a desperate save.

Being behind in the first place was a surprise, since Everton had conquered their dislike of the artificial surface and were playing the more controlled football.

Their only worry was the lurking threat from the dark head of Mick Harford, which seemed to win every ball in the air.

But Luton never seemed able to supply the perfect cross for Harford to make the most of his domination—even if he did open the scoring.

A long throw on Luton's right, headed on by Foster, found Ricky Hill. Neville Southall managed to block the shot, but the rebound found Harford waiting a yard out from the far post ready to tap in.

Luton seemed to have killed the tie when young Matt Stein—brother of England international Brian—grabbed the second.

He beat Everton's offside trap to run on to a Nicholas through ball.

Southall was out fast to block Stein's first effort, but the rebound fell kindly for Luton and the striker was able to turn and clip the ball into an empty net.

There was only one thing that Everton could do. No point in maintaining a full defence when you are 2-0 down in a cup-tie with less than half an hour to play. So off came Pointon, on went Heath, and back came Everton.

Crowd—15,529.

Luton — Sealey; Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, King (North), Preece.

Everton — Southall; Stevens, Pointon (Heath), Harper, Van den Hauwe, Reid, Steven, Lineker, Sharp, Bracewell, Richardson.

Referee—K. Hackett, Sheffield.