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Super fit Owls end visitors' winning streak

HATTERS RUN OUT OF PUFF

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Sheffield Wednesday 1, Luton Town 0

LUTON'S four match winning streak ended abruptly and cracked under later pressure from the super-fit Wednesday side.

Unlucky Hatters had soaked up Wednesday's pressure and threatened them on the break. But finally Megson broke their resistance when he fired in a shot through a crowded penalty area in the 72nd minute finally to beat Sealey.

Luton arrived looking to defy the history books and stretch their winning streak with a victory at Hillsborough for the first time in 16 years.

The only change on the field came with Darren McDonogh drafted in to add extra bite with mid-field, and slow down the high energy Wednesday attack. Robert Wilson stepped down to the substitutes bench.

The Hatters were tested early on as Wednesday exploited space down both flanks.

Breacker had to tidy up under pressure in three minutes. Sealey and Foster were both in action to stop Wednesday in their tracks soon afterwards, as Sterland overlapped fast on the right.

Wednesday forced the first corner but Breacker did enough to head away Harwood's cross to the near post.

Luton fell prey to Wednesday's slick off-side trap as they searched for an opening. But Mark Stein caught out the defence in 14 minutes.

He collected a slight clearance but his 14th minute shot gave Hodge no trouble.

At the other end, Sealey saved comfortably from Jonsson's long range shot.

A Nicholas pass sent Brian Stein through to beat the off-side trap but as he rounded the keeper the defence recovered and hart cleared off the line from Stein's angled shot.

Foster had to head away under pressure from Chapman at the other end and Marwood out-ran Donaghy, cut the into the middle but hit his left foot shot wide.

Brian Stein messed up Luton's best chance so far when he reached Foster's through ball in 37 minutes but hit the shot wide.

In a late first half Hirst saw his shot deflected wide of the Luton goal and Chapman Wednesday's leading scoresman, went over the top with his head.

Half time:

Sheffield Wed 0
Luton 0

After containing Wednesday for most of the first half the Hatters opened up after the break in confident mood with McDonagh going forward sharply.

Another chance fell Luton's way in the 50th minute but Newll could not believe his luck when a slack back pass from Sterland left Hodge struggling.

The Wednesday 'keeper lost his grip but Maddon recovered as Newll tried to turn and shoot.

As the pace switched the other way Sealey made a splendid two-handed save from Chapman's close range header in 52 minutes.

The teams

Hodge, Sterland, Worthington, Hart, Madden, Jonsson, Marwood, Megson, Chapman, Hirst, Shelton. Sub: Snodin.

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, McDonogh, B. Stein, Newell, M. Stein, Grimes. Sub: Wilson.

Referee: L. Fendrick.

Five minutes later, Hodge had to be sharp to save from Donaghy's shot from an impossible angle after a well worked free kick with Grimes.

MEGSON got the winner for Wednesday in the 72nd minute.

Result:

Sheffield Wednesday..1
Luton Town0