

LUTON SHUT OUT REDS IN CUP

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IT WAS back to plastic for artificial pitch knocker Kenny Dalglish after the Hatters earned a spirited draw at Anfield on Monday.

Not even the green grass of home could help the Reds in the FA Cup third round replay.

So it was hopefully third time lucky for Luton at Kenilworth Road last night.

Defences dominated on Monday but that did not rule out goalmouth thrills.

Bruce Grobbelaar was the busier of

LIVERPOOL 0
LUTON TOWN 0

Crowd: 34,822

the two goalkeepers with a string of fine saves.

He had to be alert early to deny Brian Stein from a chance laid on by Mike Newell.

The extrovert 'keeper then made a spectacular catch under the bar from a pinpoint Ashley Grimes free-kick and produced a super full-length effort to stop a Mick Harford shot.

Commitment was evident from the first minute when Liverpool skipper Alan Hansen emerged from an aerial duel with blood pouring from ahead wound that later needed four stitches.

Peter Nicholas, who suffered a head injury after a tussle with John Wark, was booked along with Foster and

Stein, and Craig Johnston for the Reds.

Liverpool fans could not believe it when Rush headed over virtually an open goal after Les Sealey bravely blocked a Wark effort.

In extra-time Jan Molby hit the inside of a post and the ball was hooked clear. It was typical of an all-action cup tie in which Luton defended heroically.

Afterwards Luton skipper Foster said: "This result proves we are where we are because we deserve to be there, not because of our plastic pitch.

"The more people criticise our pitch the better it is for us."

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar, Gillespie, Venison, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Walsh, Johnston, Rush, Molby, Wark. Subs: Ablett, Irvine.
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes. Subs: M. McDonough, M. Stein.