

Luton recover



PREECE... comeback

THREE goals, all stemming from the heavyweight battle between Mick Harford and Alan McDonald, gave Luton their first win in six games and made sure they face Arsenal in Sunday's Littlewoods Cup final in good shape and good heart.

Manager Ray Harford said: 'At least I can sleep tonight. I've probably aged ten years in recent weeks. The big worry was that it was our experienced players off form.'

Luton have had a crisis of confidence. They were well beaten by Wimbledon in the FA Cup semi-finals and were a disappointment in last weekend's Centenary Festival when Harford and Mal Donaghy picked up worrying injuries.

Harford recovered from his

Harford weighs in as Preece steadies ship

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strained thigh and had a head, a push and a shove in the goals.

Luton's nerves were soothed in the 16th minute when Rob Johnson crossed, Harford rose and McDonald left a hand in the air to concede a penalty.

Danny Wilson's conversion settled Luton down and David Preece, playing his first game since September, showed his value on the left.

Baffling referee Keith Miller

awarded Rangers their equaliser from the spot but were denied a more obvious one when Martin Allen was floored by Andy Dibble.

Harford's push on McDonald gave David Kerslake the chance to score from a 59th minute penalty but a minute later Steve Foster turned in a clever header from Wilson's free kick to inflict on Rangers their first defeat in eight games.