

Wegerle nets two as Luton stroll home

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LUTON, determined to retain the Littlewoods Cup, recovered from an early setback to beat Manchester City more easily than the scoreline suggests.

The Second Division club have never won on artificial turf, although David White's ninth-minute goal must have raised City's hopes.

Running in from the right, White timed his run perfectly to volley Gleghorn's centre past Sealey.

Luton have shown signs of consistency in recent weeks and two goals in five minutes put them back in command of this fourth-round tie.

In the 16th minute Harford split the City defence with an early pass to Wegerle. Although Dibble parried his shot Oldfield was on hand to slam in the rebound.

Then Harvey's through-ball to Wegerle beat City's offside trap and he left Scott and Gleghorn in his wake before shooting low under Dibble's body.

The goal knocked City out of their rhythm and they never recovered, despite good work by White.

Preece had two efforts disallowed for offside, with Wegerle suffering the same fate during the second half.

Oldfield should have scored in the 81st minute when a mistake by Gayle left him free, but this time Dibble saved his shot. Wegerle put the outcome beyond doubt in the 86th minute, however, with a simple tap-in goal.

Ray Harford, Luton's manager, said of Wegerle: "He has some Rodney Marsh tricks but we've cut those out while he's learning his trade in the First Division."

Luton Town: Sealey; R Johnson, Harvey, Preece, Foster, M Johnson, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford (Hill 73), Oldfield, Black.

Manchester City: Dibble; Seagraves, Gleghorn, Gayle, Scott (Beckford 74), Redmond, White, Moulden, Morley, McNab, Biggins.

Referee: D Hedoes (Oxford)



Roy Wegerle, Luton's two-goal hero, goes up for a header between Manchester City's Nigel Gleghorn (No 3) and Brian Gayle last night