

WIZARD WEGERLE

GOALDEN BOY Roy Wegerle slammed home his second double in four days to wreck Andy Dibble's long awaited return to Kenilworth Road, *writes Michael Weinstein.*
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Hot-shot Wegerle destroyed the keeper's return in five devastating first-half minutes and sent Hatters storming into the quarter-finals of the cup Dibble helped win last season,

First the striker's powerful run and shot was only parried by Dibble for David Oldfield to net and then he raced through to score under the luckless keeper's body.

And as time ran out for a City side — far too reliant on the offside trap — Wegerle pounced to make it safe for Hatters.

Clutching his man-of-the-match award, Wegerle said: "Like not scoring becomes a habit — so does scoring — when they come, they come in buckets!"

"I'm not noted for scoring and I have never got two on the trot before."

And shell-shocked Andy Dibble — who received a rapturous reception from both sets of fans before the game — said: "I don't blame myself for any of the

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goals — there was nothing I could do about them."

Sealey was first to face any danger when Foster's attempt at a clearance skidded off his knee and into the path of Ian Scott, who chipped the keeper — and the bar.

And seven minutes later, Sealey — who was kept out of the



● Here we go — David Oldfield bangs in Hatters' equaliser as Dibble watches in horror.

Littlewoods Cup team by Dibble — was picking the ball out of the net.

David White ran on to a perfect crossfield pass from Scott and volleyed spectacularly past the keeper from the tightest of angles.

But Hatters' newfound confidence had spread to the fans and there was an air of expectation around Kenilworth Road — even though Luton were being asked to come

from a goal behind.

City's tedious offside tactics made for a far from attractive match and forced Hatters to abandon their passing game in favour of the long-ball.

It paid off in the 17th minute when Wegerle sprung the offside trap — latched on to Mick Harford's knock down — and thundered towards goal.

Dibble got a hand to the striker's bold effort but David Oldfield, fol-

lowing-up intelligently at the far post, turned the ball in.

And five minutes later that man Wegerle went through again and beat Dibble close to his body to give Hatters the lead.

Five minutes of pure farce followed soon after the re-start when Hatters had the ball in the net three times — but fell foul of the linesman's flag each time.

Injured Harford made way for Ricky Hill in the 73rd minute and after Kingsley Black wasted a great opportunity to settle the issue, when he volleyed over from 15 yards, Wegerle made it safe.

Oldfield flicked on an 85th minute Richard Harvey free-kick and Wegerle hooked the ball past the unfortunate Dibble.

TEAMS

LUTON: Sealey, R Johnson, Harvey, Preece, Foster, M Johnson, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford (Hill 73), Oldfield, Black. Other sub: Dreyer.

MANCHESTER CITY: Dibble, Seagraves, Gleghorn, Gayle, Scott (Beckford), Redmond, White, Moulden, Morley, McNab, Biggins. Other sub: Taggart. ● Attendance 10,778.



● Wallop — Roy Wegerle lets fly for Hatters' second goal.