

A STEP TOWARDS WEMBLEY

MANSFIELD 3 LUTON TOWN 4

WITH THIRD Division opposition needing to win by two goals to cause an upset, the Town are set to go into the third round of the Littlewoods Cup at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday.

But they had to fight for success when Mansfield produced an entertaining mixture of effort, speed and occasional skill before the Town took command of the second half at Field Mill.

The game was notable for the first goal Lars Elstrup has scored for the Town, a real left-foot cracker which

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Ray Harford said reminded him of Malcolm Macdonald. Elstrup and Wegerle showed a good understanding in attack, particularly when Mansfield were eventually quietened after a hectic first 45 minutes when they earned a 3-2 lead.

Steve Williams was recalled because Mansfield normally work the ball through that area, but they caught the Town unawares by using a longer ball approach. And the defence was made

to look uneasy at times, even if the result eventually was justice.

It was a corker of a cup-tie, with both sides going forward at every opportunity. The defence was rocky in the first half, but the whole team was on song after the break.

MATCH DETAILS

MANSFIELD: Cox; McKernon, Foster, Coleman, Kearney; Lowery (Prindiville, 54 mins), Hunt, Charles, Hathaway; Stringfellow, Christie.

TOWN: Chamberlain; Breacker, McDonough, Beaumont, Dreyer; Williams (Black, 80 mins), Wilson, Kennedy, Preece; Elstrup, Wegerle. Other sub: Harvey. GOALS: Two for Roy Wegerle, 6 and 81 minutes, the second a brilliant solo winner; two for Lars Elstrup, shot 26th minute and header 49th minute; Ian Stringfellow for Mansfield, 11th minute, and two headers by Trevor Christie, 21 and 29 minutes.

OTHER STRIKES: Town six saved and four wide; Mansfield five saved and five wide. Corners: 8-6 to the Town.

REF: Ken Redfern, Whitley Bay — handled the game well, and neither side gave him a moment's worry.

ATTENDANCE: 5,361, well up on Mansfield's Third Division average — they were down to half that again on Saturday for a league match against Blackpool, which they lost 3-0.

ENTERTAINMENT: A cracking cup-tie, exciting throughout, and if three goals against are the price of seeing the Town hit four, so be it.

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