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LUTON are back on the Wembley trail, at last finding their goal touch, in a pulsating cup tie.

Great Dane Lars Elstrup scored his first goals for the club — the first a real cracker — and Roy Wegerle also grabbed two.

For the Luton fans who made the trip up the M1 it was a game they will not forget for a long time.

Mansfield too played their part in 90 minutes of non-stop action, as the Hatters twice came from behind to embark on a bid for three consecutive Littlewoods Cup Finals.

But the third division side scored the goal of the game, and cannot be written off for the second leg in two weeks time.

The goals came thick and fast, starting in the seventh minute when Wegerle raced onto an Elstrup pass to shoot inside the keeper's near post.

But the celebrations



MANSFIELD 3
LUTON T. 4

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were short-lived as Mansfield equalised four minutes later, when a quickly-taken free-kick was flicked on for Stringfellow to score.

Luton were 2-1 behind on 21 minutes to an excellent goal; Kearney's pin-point cross being met by the diving Christie, before Elstrup cracked in a superb half-volley to equalise five minutes later.

Incredibly the 5,361 crowd waited just four more minutes for Mansfield to lead 3-2, when Chamberlain failed to collect a cross and Christie again headed home.

Elstrup was denied either side of half-time before equalising again on 49 minutes, heading in a Preece corner; the referee ruling the ball had crossed the line before being cleared.

Breacker missed a golden chance and Mansfield pressurised again, before Wegerle grabbed the winner nine minutes from time.

He beat three defenders before slamming in a left-foot shot, to mark a happy return to one of his former clubs for manager Ray Harford.

"We relaxed after scoring an early goal and defended poorly in the first half," said Harford.

"It was very important for Elstrup to break his duck, and I thought he and Wegerle were brilliant."

MANSFIELD: Cox, McKernon, Hathaway, Hunt, Foster, Coleman, Lowery (Prindiville), Stringfellow, Christie, Charles, Kearney. Sub: McDonald.

LUTON: Chamberlain, Breacker, Dreyer, Wilson, McDonough, Beaumont, Kennedy, Wegerle, Elstrup, Preece, Williams (Black). Sub: Harvey.