

# City derby heroes on target again



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**REPORTING**

## TWO of Manchester City's derby heroes were again on the mark against Luton at Maine Road.

David Oldfield gave the Blues an 11th minute lead with his fourth goal in three games — two of them against Manchester United last week.

Ian Bishop, who also struck in the 5-1 demolition of the Reds, restored City's advantage almost on the stroke of half-time after Kingsley Black had equalised for the Hatters.

Luton also missed a 39th minute penalty when spot kick specialist Paul Cooper kept out Roy Wegerle's effort after Ian Brightwell had fouled Town skipper Danny Wilson.

City kept the side which humiliated Manchester United a week ago and instantly began by attempting to rekindle the derby festive spirit with a series of positive attacking movements.

But the start was marred by Wilson, the Luton skipper, retaliating to a late tackle by Morley and the referee intervened before further damage could be done.

Lake then cut in threateningly from the left, Oldfield's first shot was blocked and a follow-up effort from White was deflected for a corner.

Oldfield then switched to the right to come inside and finish with a right-footed effort that was well wide.

But then the man whose two goals helped to blast the Reds out of sight finally found the mark to give City a deserved 11th minute lead.

White sprinted away on the right, crossed splendidly and OLDFIELD dived full length to turn in a graceful header wide of Chamberlain's grasping right hand.

That goal against the club who sold him last March was Oldfield's fourth in his last three games — and reward for the Blues' £650,000 investment.

It was also the signal for even greater City pressure as they attempted to expose a Luton defence that looked about as safe as United's did seven days ago.

After 19 minutes White's pace once more had Luton reeling. His cross was low and hard, but Lake arrived just too late with Breacker turning the ball behind for a corner which Chamberlain once more palmed clear.

But in the 21st minute, the Blues should have got a second goal. Morley's angled ball to the right was kept in by White and the cross looked perfect, but Lake arrived a stride ahead of schedule.

Yet for all their superiority City survived a 28th minute scare when Luton should have equalised.

CITY		LUTON	
Cooper	1	Chamberlain	
Fleming	2	Breacker	
Hinchcliffe	3	Dreyer	
Bishop	4	Wilson	
Gayle	5	Harvey	
Redmond	6	Beaumont	
White	7	Kennedy	
Morley	8	Wegerle	
Oldfield	9	Elstrup	
Brightwell	10	Preece	
Lake	11	Black	
<b>Subs:</b>		<b>Subs:</b>	
Megson		Cooke	
McNab		Johnson	
<b>Referee: Roger Milford of Bristol</b>			

Elstrup, the Danish striker found himself with only Cooper to beat.

The City goalkeeper saved one-handed, the ball bubbled towards the line, but Redmond tidied up behind his goalkeeper.

In the 35th minute White continued with his series of deadly crosses, his attempt this time glancing off the crossbar.

However, in the 39th minute Luton once more counter-punched and the referee instantly pointed to the penalty spot when Brightwell's challenge felled Wilson.

Wegerle drove in a splendid attempt, but Cooper, a past master at penalty-saving, flung himself to his right to claw the ball away.

Yet having survived that scare, City carelessly conceded an equaliser three minutes from half-time. Harvey's long ball was headed down by Elstrup and BLACK volleyed the ball wide of Cooper's left hand.

City's reply was immediate. In the 44th minute White once more drove the ball in from the right, Chamberlain misjudged its flight and BISHOP, coming in from the left, stooped for the header and the Blues were back in the lead.

Luton launched another effort to get back on terms at the start of the second half, but when the ball was played in from the right Cooper got a hand to the attempt, flicking the ball to safety.

City were on their way to their first League victory over Luton in 15 years — Mike Summerbee scored the only goal in an October, 1974, home win — when they went further ahead with just an hour gone.

Morley's superb pass did the damage, and White completed the execution with a superb right-flanking run and low cross that left BRIGHTWELL with a simple tap-in chance.

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□ ACTION MAN. . . Paul Lake piles the pressure on the Luton defence at Maine Road today.