

IT'S EARL GRAY!

Sub seals win

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SUPER sub Paul Gray netted a dramatic extra time winner last night to set up a Zenith Data Cup second round clash with Crystal Palace.

The 19-year-old — playing only his second full game — headed home after 114 minutes at The Manor ground.

Luton rested John Dreyer, Steve Williams, Lars Elstrup and Kingsley Black, while Oxford fielded Kenilworth Road old boys Alan Judge, Steve Foster and Mark Stein.

Oxford forced the game early on at a rain-lashed Manor ground and Alec Chamberlain had to make a point-blank save from Robbie Mustoe after eight minutes.

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reports from The Manor

Brian Horton's men took the lead just 60 seconds later when Mustoe beat Richard Harvey to the ball and hooked back for John Durnin to head his ninth goal of the season.

Richard Cooke obstructed inside the box after 16 minutes and from the free kick Durnin struck a vicious 25-yard volley against the post.

Luton failed to muster a chance until the 37th minute — but when it came it was deadly.

Harvey's persistence on the left won the ball and Iain Dowie was there to head his second goal in two games from David Preece's cross.

Dowie was inches away from scoring a second when he flung himself at Harvey's 65th minute cross.

Oxford went back in front on 78 minutes when Durnin sent Stein away and the striker was hauled down by Chamberlain.

Jimmy Phillips tucked the penalty inside Chamberlain's left-hand post to send the 1754

crowd wild.

Beaumont hooked off the line after 82 minutes.

Hatters sent on Paul Gray and Aaron Tigh and drew level again three minutes later when Preece's free kick eluded the Oxford defence and Dowie chested it down before blasting into the roof of the net.

Durnin blasted into the side netting seconds into the first period of extra time.

And Luton's chances fell to Preece — who blasted over — and Dowie who tested the keeper.

Preece tried to sidefoot past Judge after 107 minutes but the keeper saved well.

And Judge pushed Preece's 25-yarder round the post after 114 minutes.

The mid-fielder took the corner which was headed on by Roy Wegerle and Gray nodded home his first ever senior goal.

Chamberlain saved well from Stein and Foster — and Hatters held on for the win.



• Chamberlain — penalty blunder.

THE LINE-UP

OXFORD UNITED: Judge, Smart, Phillips, Lewis, Foster, Greenall, Mustoe, Ford, Durnin, Stein, Heath. Subs: Simpson and McClaren.

LUTON: Chamberlain, Breacker, Harvey, Wilson, Johnson, Beaumont, Cooke, Wegerle, Dowie, Kennedy, Preece. Subs: Gray, Tighe.