



Swindon 1 (1)

Hatters 2 (1)

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MATCH facts

Swindon	1 (1)
Scott (11)	
Luton	2 (1)
Dixon (43), Oakes (60)	



MoM: Paul Telfer

Bookings: Swindon: 0 Luton: 0
Free kicks: Swindon: 12
 Luton: 16
Corners: Swindon: 3 Luton: 5
Shots on target: Swindon: 3
 Luton: 3
Attendance: 9,455

SWINDON TOWN: Digby; Robinson, Bodin, MacLaren s Beauchamp (63), Thomson, Kilcline, O'Sullivan s Hamon (82), Horlock, Fjortoft, Mutch, Scott. Subs: Hammond (GK).
LUTON TOWN: Sommer; James, Johnson, Waddock, Thomas, Peake, Telfer, Oakes, Dixons Hartson (86), Preece, Linton. Subs: Woodsford, (Barber (GK)).
REFEREE: C Wilkes (Gloucs).

Luton went into the match without top scorer Dwight Marshall who had a calf muscle injury. That meant a recall for fit-again Des Linton with England Under-18 striker Jamie Woodsford getting a place in the bench.

Swindon had the ball in the net as early as the second minute, but Scott's header was ruled offside.

Then Swindon's man-of-the-moment struck for real nine minutes later after a blunder by Luton skipper Trevor Peake.

Peake tried to battle his way out of trouble with a back header, but left keeper Sommer stranded. And after more confusion, Scott nipped up to tap the ball in for his sixth in four matches.

Hatters were stunned into action and had a golden opportunity to equalise after 20 minutes.

Dixon and Oakes combined superbly to open the Swindon defence but the out-of-touch Oakes shot wide.

Five minutes later, Hatters were unlucky not to be given a penalty when Preece was hacked down by Robinson.

Luton almost scored with the best move of the match. It was started by Peake and

continued by Telfer and Dixon before Preece forced a magnificent save from Digby with a header two yards from goal

Luton kept pressing and got the goal they deserved two minutes before half time when Dixon rose to score from Telfer's cross after a Preece shot had been beaten out.

There was drama in the opening minutes of the second half when Digby and Robinson got into a tangle and the ball fell loose to Dixon.

The Luton striker couldn't believe his luck as the ball rolled his way in front of an open goal and he promptly shot wide.

But Luton were not to be denied and scored a deserved second goal after 60 minutes.

This time it was Oakes jumping for joy when he blasted past a bewildered Digby after a flick-on by man-of-the-match Telfer.

Managerless Swindon were not going down without a fight and Sommer was forced into a flying save from the dangerous Scott.

Luton survived a late burst of activity by Swindon and a Waddock blunder almost let in Scott.

Verdict: Hatters showed great character after going a goal down early on and dominated long periods of the match to get the reward they deserved.