

Roberts on target to stall Luton revival

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WELSH international Iwan Roberts brought Luton's Manager-of-the-Month Lennie Lawrence firmly back to earth by scoring Leicester's first goal in four matches.

The home side's powder-puff attack had been firing blanks for an hour before top scorer Roberts popped up to ram home a deft flick from strike partner Emile Heskey.

Old boy Tony Thorpe had stunned the home crowd a few minutes earlier when he rounded off a slick move

involving another former Filbert Street favourite David Oldfield.

Leicester, still searching for their first win during Martin O'Neill's brief reign, looked on course for another dismal afternoon after being frustrated by Luton's well organised defence throughout the first period.

And the Hatters' mini revival came within a whisker of taking another scalp

but for a glaring miss by Des Linton in the 80th minute. The Luton substitute, put through by livewire Thorpe, nonchalantly flicked his shot past Leicester goalkeeper, Kevin Poole, only to see the ball bobble past the far post.

It was tough on Luton who staged a strong late rally with their other substitutes, Vidar Riseth and top scorer Dwight Marshall, both coming close to snatching a dramatic winner.

Leicester had made the early running but their goal scoring problems were

highlighted by Luton goalkeeper Ian Feuer's low key role and it was left to City defensive stalwart Steve Walsh to show his shot-shy forwards how with a stinging drive in the 14th minute.

Despite lots of possession, Leicester posed little threat and impatient home fans vented anger as their side was forced to cling on for a point.

At the final whistle, a small band of supporters chanting "where's the money gone?" staged a demonstration against City chairman Martin George.