

Foxes are outfoxed!

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Leicester 1, Luton 1
SUBSTITUTE Des Linton wasted a golden chance late on as Leicester clung on for a scarcely deserved draw.

With just ten minutes left and the match deadlocked at 1-1 ex-Leicester man Linton found himself clean through on goal.

But after screwing his shot past the advancing Kevin Poole the ball bobbled agonising wide off the far post.

Even then rampant Hatters came within an ace of getting a late winner.

Norwegian Vidar Riseth, another late

substitute, saw his point-blank effort brilliantly saved by Poole three minutes later - after Tony Thorpe ran half the length of the pitch and slammed in a low cross into the danger area.

And third substitute Dwight Marshall - returning after a lay-off through injury - had a chip over Poole cleared off the line by ex-Hatter Gary Parker.

Make no mistake - Luton were far the better side yesterday and proved beyond doubt that it is perfectly possible to out fox a fox, indeed a whole pack of Foxes.

Hatters are now unbeaten in five league games and are yet to be defeated under new manager Lennie Lawrence, who was named as Manager of the Month on Friday.

Gary Waddock tackled like a demon, skipper Steve Davis won nearly everything in the air, and up front Tony Thorpe ran rings round the opposition.

Ceri Hughes, playing for the first time since before Christmas, looked lively - and hard-running David Oldfield worked tirelessly on the right hand side.

Leicester dominated the opening five minutes - a spell during which Luton looked like they were ready to wave the white flag.

But from then on Hatters stormed back into it, and even had the ball in the net from their very first attack.

But Oldfield's strike into an empty net following a corner was ruled out after Davis was adjudged to have impeded Poole on the goal-line.

After a messy first-half the second exploded into life when Hatters took a 56 minute lead.

And what a goal it was. Davis, Hughes, Waddock and Oldfield traded 15 passes between them before Oldfield threaded an angled ball down the inside right channel.

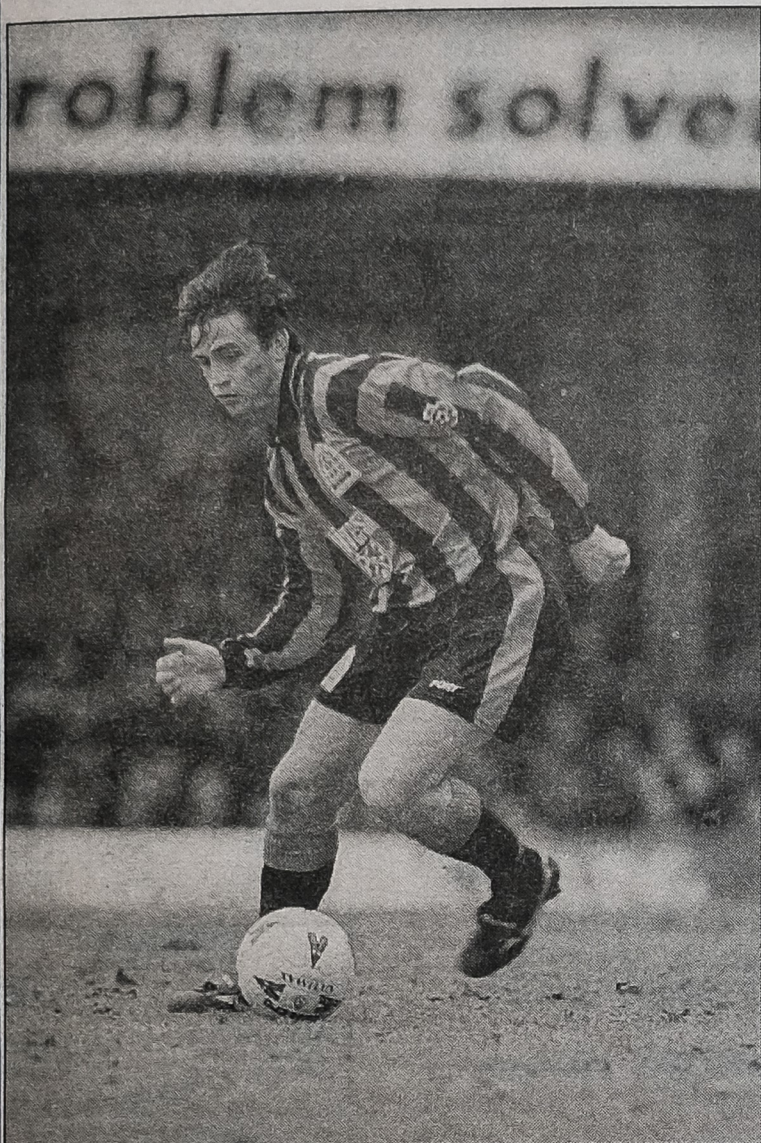
Thorpe outpassed his marker, raced into the box, flicked the ball past the advancing Poole and steered home from an acute angle despite the best efforts of two defenders on the line.

But the lead didn't last long and seven minutes later Iwan Roberts slammed in an equaliser from ten yards.

Colin Hill played an innocuous ball into Luton's box but for once Davis was beaten in the air by Emile Heskey, and his back flick fell perfectly for Roberts, who arrived late and unmarked to thunder an unstoppable first time shot into Ian Feuer's bottom left corner



Oldfield - disallowed a goal



● **Ceri Hughes on the ball**