



Kieron Dyer was given a free role in midfield for Ipswich, which he seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

One minute he was causing havoc down the left and the next he would be creating openings down the right.

His bursts of speed and his skill on the ball gave Luton many headaches and he also managed more than one shot to test Kelvin Davis.

Dyer was perhaps the classiest player on the field, but it was a night when Luton played well above themselves and gave a typical Cup-tie performance.

Honest endeavour proved to be the winner on the night, but it was another occasion when Dyer suggested he has a bright future.

Kieron Dyer



LETTING FLY: Ipswich striker David Johnson fires in a shot with his trusty left foot against Luton last night

Lawrence hails great night for Luton Town

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IPSWICH Town manager George Burley said that he was disappointed with last night's exit from the Worthington Cup.

"Until we conceded the first goal I felt there was only one team in it. Once they scored we lost our shape and gave away some bad goals.

"Luton gambled by putting Steve Davis up front. He did very well for them but we have to look at ourselves and the goals that we gave away.

"We showed in the first half that we were the dominant football side but we have to play like that for 90 minutes.

"All credit to Luton. They battled hard and I wish them the best of luck in the next round."

Mauricio Taricco took a knock and Burley said: "We will have to see how it settles down."

Luton manager Lennie Lawrence said: "It was a great night for Luton Town and our supporters. The players deserved this.

"We had an indifferent first half but really picked up the pace in the second.

"We thought it was one of the those games and that victory had been snatched from us at the very end, but we hit back with that magnificent winner from Marvin Johnson."



FEELING GOOD, FEELING BAD: David Johnson is delighted after putting Ipswich Town ahead in last night's Worthington Cup tie at Luton (left). He wheels away in delight alongside Matt Holland, who is just as pleased with life.

However, French defender Manuel Thetis sank to his knees in despair after Steve Davis scored nine minutes into extra time to put the Hatters ahead overall.

Last night's thrilling Cup tie had more twists to come, however, with Ipswich players and supporters again overjoyed when Davis was on cue to score the own goal which made it 4-4 overall and would have given Ipswich a place in the next round on the away goals rule.

The final cruel act saw Marvin Johnson score what proved to be Luton's winner just 60 seconds later

