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George toasts win with double and a Locke-in!

Luton drink in success while Oxford suffer Cup hangover

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OXFORD were brought back to earth after their surprise Worthington Cup victory at Everton.

Manager Malcolm Shotton said: "It was a case of after the Lord Mayor's show."

He had watched with growing anger as Oxford's defence stood around and Luton produced quick incisive passing and snapped up three first-half goals.

Liam George helped himself to two, and the other was a clever 18-yard header by Stuart Fraser courtesy of a blunder by Oxford's goalkeeper Andre Arendse.

Shotton admitted he had a go at his players during the interval, and in the second half they defended much further up field and almost produced a remarkable turnaround.

Paul Powell scored a freak goal with a long-range diagonal cross which looped over Luton goalkeeper Nathan Abbey after a deflection and bounced into the net off the inside of the far post.

Six minutes later Luton began to look nervous after they left Derek Lilley unmarked to head in a cross by Jamie Cook.

But Luton weathered the storm and in the closing minutes took charge again with Adam Locke marking his home league debut for the Hatters with their decisive fourth goal, and Oxford had no reply after that.

Luton: Abbey, Doherty, Watts, Johnson, Fraser, Spring, Locke, Taylor, George, Douglas, Midgley. **Subs:** Kandol, Sodje, Scarlett, McIndoe, Tate.

Oxford Utd: Arendse, Robinson, Lewis, Davis, Folland, Fear, Tait, Powell, Beauchamp, Murphy, Anthrobus. **Subs:** Cook, Watson, Lilley, McGowan, Lundin.

Referee: S Baines (Chesterfield).



CONDUCTING THE WIN: Luton's Lennie Lawrence