

Macca late show!

PER sub Paul McLaren
ed an acrobatic injury-time
alser to earn Luton a point
enilworth Road last night.
was the Hatters' midfielder's
goal of the season and first for
over a year.

anie Lawrence rested Stuart
las from Saturday's starting
up at Preston and Phil Gray was
out because of a groin strain.
am George and Andrew
adis both came in with Gary
erry pushed up front to combat
uridge's height at the back.
an White replaced Doherty on
right-hand side of the three-man
ce.

the Hatters survived an early
e when Ben Roberts' first
clearance was charged down
Trevor Benjamin but the ball
ounded wide.

shaw Taylor was the first to go
for the home side on 17
les, climbing high to meet
erson Boyce's cross, only for
ader to sail just wide of a well-
Shaun Marshall's top corner.
minutes later Luton were in
Taylor's cross was only half
ed by Cambridge defender
Kavanagh and Doherty
ered the loose ball before
low past Marshall.

the Hatters threatened twice to
their lead soon after, Boyce's
35-yard drive whistling wide

Super sub's first saves the Hatters



**LUTON 2
CAMBRIDGE 2**

**Dave Flett on
last night's
Kenilworth
Road match...**

and Doherty forcing an instinctive
stop from Marshall at the end of a
sweeping five-man move.

That was Marshall's last
contribution to the game. He was
replaced by sub keeper Arjan Van
Heusden because of an earlier
collision with team-mate Tom Youngs.

Moments later Youngs' close-
range half-volley was saved at his
near-post by Roberts, but the on-loan
keeper was beaten on 27 minutes.

A spell of pinball in the home
penalty box came to an end when
Benjamin showed opportunism to
punish the slack defending by
flicking a header into the bottom

corner. Only a brilliant reflex save
from Roberts and a stroke of fortune
kept Luton on level terms at the
break. First, Wanless was left
completely unmarked to meet Neil
MacKenzie's free-kick at the far
post, but Roberts was equal to his
powerful downward header.

Next, John Taylor's clever
dummy set up Youngs for a shot that
deflected off Boyce and drifted
inches wide. Cambridge went in
front on 57 minutes when the
powerful Benjamin turned Hatters'
skipper Marvin Johnson in the
home penalty box.

Roberts saved at the Cambridge
striker's feet, but Ian Ashbee
followed up to walk the ball into an
empty net.

On 63 minutes, Roberts once again
came to his team-mates' rescue,
racing off his line to head away from
John Taylor after his defence were
caught on the back foot, ball-
watching at a drop ball.

George squandered an excellent

opportunity to equalise for the
Hatters on 70 minutes but shot
woefully over after Doherty's
excellent cushioned header.

At the other end, Benjamin
continued to torment the home
defence and forced another fine save
from Roberts after muscling his way
past Julian Watts.

Doherty was unfortunate not to
score his second of the evening soon
afterwards when his header was
spectacularly saved by Van
Heusden and the ball was then
cleared from under his own crossbar
by Cambridge skipper Wanless.

The excellent Doherty refused to
give up and was desperately
unlucky not to score on 88 minutes
when his header crashed against the
crossbar.

But the Irishman was to have the
final laugh, heading into McLaren's
path and the Hatters' midfielder
produced an acrobatic injury-time
volley to earn the Hatters a point.



INJURED: Sodej. fit for Saturday's squad

TRANSFER-LISTED
Efetobore Sodej will not
leave Kenilworth Road
before deadline day.

The 27-year-old defe-
nder is currently suffering
from a hamstring injury.

He is not expected to be
fit for Saturday's squad

big match line-up

● **LUTON TOWN:** Ben Roberts,
Emmerson Boyce, Julian Watts,
Gary Doherty, Marvin Johnson,
Liam George, Adam Locke,
Matthew Spring (Paul McLaren, 67
mins), Andrew Fotiadis (Stuart
Douglas, 74 mins), Alan White,
Matthew Taylor. Other subs:
Michael McIndoe, James Ayres,
Nathan Abbey.

● **CAMBRIDGE UNITED:** Shaun
Marshall, Jason Kavanagh, Marc
Joseph, Scott Eustace, Martin
McNeill, Tom Youngs (Ben
Chenery, 79 mins), Paul Wanless,
John Taylor, Neil MacKenzie (John
Hansen, 64 mins), Trevor
Benjamin, Ian Ashbee. Other subs:
David Preece, Zema Abbey, Arjan
Van Heusden.

● **Referee:** Roy Pearson
(Peterlee).

● **Attendance:** 5,379.

● **Luton top player:** Gary Doherty.

Crocked Sodje is staying put

for the trip to Chesterfield
and Hatters boss Lennie
Lawrence will now have to
wait until the summer if
he still wants to offload
Sodje.

Stuart Fraser is also still
sidelined with a badly
bruised ankle.