

Dublin double

GRAHAM Taylor's determination to treat the Worthington Cup seriously paid dividends as two goals from veteran striker Dion Dublin ensured Aston Villa cruised past Luton Town into the third round.



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Aston Villa 3

Luton 0

He recalled Ulises de la Cruz, replacing the injured Mark Delaney, who broke the deadlock and then Dublin's double rendered the game over as a contest early in the second period.

The home side were never extended by their Second Division opponents with Lee Hendrie and the impressive Gareth Barry exploiting the space in midfield, Darius Vassell a threat with his pace and that man Dublin a constant menace with his power and height.

Luton had the first half-chance of the game when Chris Coyne was not far off target with a low drive following a corner from Peter Holmes.

But Villa were soon in the ascendancy and just about their first worthwhile attack produced the opening goal after nine minutes from de la Cruz.

Jlloyd Samuel swung over a hanging cross from the left flank and Barry was the first to react before turning the ball across goal to the Ecuador international who made no mistake from close range.

It was his second goal since his summer move from Hibernian and had the effect of taking the wind out of Luton's sails and after that it was virtual one-way traffic towards Carl Emberson's goal.