

Honest Cobblers upset Luton

NORTHAMPTON upset the form book to end a run of four straight defeats against in-form Luton, thanks to two first half goals from Jamie Forrester and a superb strike from Marco Gabbiadini.

Luton, with six wins from their last seven outings, were rocked by Forrester's early double.

Northampton's top scorer opened the scoring in the ninth minute, racing onto Paul Harsley's pass to neatly beat Cedric Berthelin. He repeated his feat 10 minutes later, rounding off a neat move involving Gabbiadini and Derek Asamoah.

Gabbiadini sealed Northampton's victory five minutes after the restart with a superb opportunist strike, chipping the stranded Berthelin from fully 35 yards after receiving



Northampton 3

Luton 0

the pass from Forrester.

Northampton had further chances with Asamoah and Chris Hargreaves off target while the impressive Gabbiadini was thwarted by Berthelin.

Luton's only real chances fell to Steve Howard, who headed over, and Tony Thorpe whose header was saved by Lee Harper.

Gabbiadini rolled back the years with a vintage performance as Northampton arrested their slide down the table and ended Luton's impressive run.

"When Gabbiadini's on his game there is not a tougher striker in the league to play against, just ask any defender. Gabbiadini still thrives on it," said Northampton boss Kevan Broadhurst.

"Although the results have not been good our performances have been okay and the difference is that the chances went in. Last season our turning point was the game against Stoke when we were on a poor run and hopefully this result will work the same this time.

"We have started brightly in recent games but did not take our chances. This was the opposite as suddenly we found ourselves a goal up.

"At 2-0 the next goal was going to be vital and Harper's save to deny Thorpe was crucial."

Luton boss Joe Kinnear was not too downbeat after seeing his side's good run come to an end.

"That's our first defeat in eight matches, its been a great run and I'm just sorry it has come to an end," Kinnear said.

"We were poor as Northampton were quicker and sharper, but we still created four or five chances.

"I was disappointed in the end. It was a case of giving away sloppy goals and missing chances.

"We were poor in both boxes and if you make mistakes in those areas you are going to lose matches."



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