

Wanderers lost after McSheffrey brace

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Luton 3 Wycombe 1

STRIKER Gary McSheffrey struck twice as Luton scored all its goals in the last 15 minutes to clinch a 3-1 victory against struggling Wycombe.

Veteran midfielder Steve Brown gave the visitors hope with a penalty at the start of the second half after Courtney Pitt brought down Danny Senda, but McSheffrey equalised when Andy Thomson's clearance hit his outstretched leg and flew into the corner.

Russell Perrett's late header put Luton in front, and McSheffrey produced a classy 20-yard strike five minutes later to clinch the points.

McSheffrey could have had his first Luton hat-trick in injury-time when he got on the end of Pitt's low cross but could only steer his shot wide.

Wycombe were unlucky not to take the lead in the first minute when goalkeeper Dean Brill, making his debut, sent a poor clearance straight to Michael Simpson and his 40-yard chip was hooked out from underneath the crossbar by Perrett.

Wanderers worked hard to frustrate Luton with their packed midfield and their goalkeeper Frank Talia had to be on top form to keep out efforts from Pitt, Adrian Forbes and substitute Enoch Showunmi.

Wycombe's caretaker manager John Gorman insisted his side could have left Luton with maximum points.

A disappointed Gorman said: "If we had scored a second goal it would have killed off the game and we had a great opportunity to double the lead.

"After we scored we were reasonably in control. We'd got a break with the penalty and I thought we looked quite solid, but we should have scored a second goal to finish the game.

"Luton's first goal was a ricochet off a

defender and when that happens you start to think it's not your day.

"We capsized in the last 15 minutes and that was very disappointing. When Luton scored it put their tails up and you could see them getting more and more confident.

"We were well prepared for this game and it could have been a good performance if we'd sneaked the win that was possible.



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"But to be fair to Luton they showed great character to keep going for the 90 minutes."

Luton manager Mike Newell said: "We must be pleased with the result but it was a bit of a frustrating game.

"We were struggling because we were carrying players who aren't 100 per cent fit.

"Wycombe came to frustrate us and it was up to us to break them down. Fortunately, we kept sticking at it and luckily had a bit of a break with our first goal."