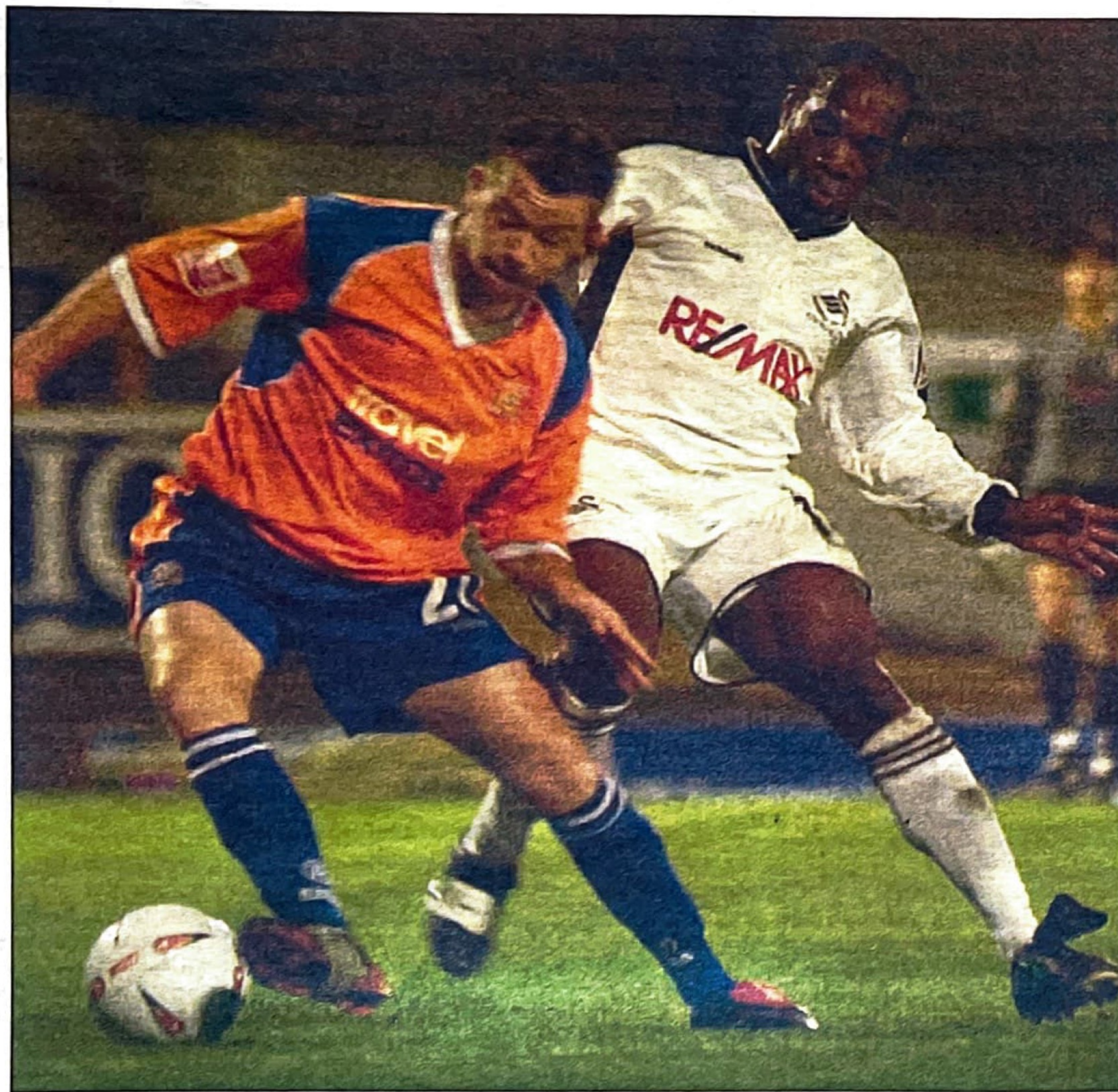


Late killer



BATTLE STATIONS! Luton's Keith Keane and former Hatter Adrian Forbes in a tussle for possession during last night's cup-tie. **Picture: GARETH OWEN**

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**ANDY MacKENZIE reports
from Vetch Field**

TWO last-minute goals from Swansea City saw battling 10-man Luton Town crash out of the LDV Vans Trophy in South Wales last night.

A largely reserve Hatters' side had Leon Barnett sent off in the 12th minute, but they hung on until the death before Kevin Nugent and Sam Ricketts' goals won the tie for the home side.

Luton began with a completely different starting 11 to the side that beat Peterborough United on Saturday.

Only Keith Keane and Stephen O'Leary had previously made a first team league start for the Town from the squad selected.

Swansea made just two changes from their weekend win over Rushden & Diamonds and included former Hatter Adrian Forbes and new Watford loan signing Scott Fitzgerald in their line-up.

Mike Newell's team selection showed his attitude towards the LDV competition, but Swansea stated their intentions from the off with an explosive start.

Just 10 seconds were on the clock when Fitzgerald's 20-yard shot had to be tipped over by Dino Seremet.

Still in the first minute, Kristian O'Leary fired in a low drive

match facts

SWANSEA CITY: Willy Gueret, Andy Gurney, Kevin Austin, Garry Monk, Sam Ricketts, Bradley Maylett, Kristian O'Leary, Roberto Martinez, Andy Robinson, Adrian Forbes, Scott Fitzgerald. **Substitutes:** Brian Murphy, Alan Tate, Leon Britton, Gary Fisker, Kevin Nugent.

LUTON TOWN: Dino Seremet, Keith Keane, Leon Barnett, David Bayliss, Alan Neilson, Lee Mansell, Peter Holmes, Paul Hughes, Stephen O'Leary, Enoch Showunmi, Calvin Andrew. **Substitutes:** Dean Brill, Michael Leary, Russell Perrett, Ian Hillier, Stuart Sinclair.

Referee: Scott Mathieson (Cheshire). **Attendance:** 3559.

from the edge of the area that Seremet had to push away to his left. Things got worse for Hatters in the 12th minute when teen-ager Barnett was sent off for upending a suspiciously off-side-looking Forbes after he had run on to Andy Gurney's through ball.

And Seremet then escaped with a caution two minutes later after shoving Kevin Austin following a foul by the Swansea man.

Skipper for the night David Bayliss then made way for substitute Russell Perrett in the 24th minute as Town re-organised.

But Perrett was turned by his former team-mate Forbes three minutes later as the Swans striker smashed an effort just past the post from 14 yards. Hat-

ters finally worked their way into the game and Enoch Showunmi just failed to get on the end of O'Leary's cross in the 36th minute after a flowing move.

A minute later Calvin Andrew brought down Keane's long pass inside the area and shot just wide.

Andrew almost undid his good work by slicing Andy Robinson's mis-hit corner past Seremet, only for Alan Neilson to hack clear four minutes before half-time.

The hosts threatened again five minutes after the break when Seremet saved at Fitzgerald's feet and Forbes put the rebound just over the bar.

Lee Mansell, playing as a makeshift left-back, then had to head Gurney's header off the line in the 54th minute after another Robinson corner.

Robinson then let fly from 35-yards three minutes later and saw Seremet nervously bundle the ball past the upright as the hosts made their extra man count.

After entering the referee's notebook earlier in the second-half, Neilson took out Forbes on the edge of the area with 16 minutes to go and Gurney's resulting deflected free-kick was gathered by Seremet as Town hung on.

The breakthrough finally came in the 90th minute when Robinson's cross from the left was swept home by substitute Nugent from close range.

Seconds later Ricketts curled home from 15 yards.