AYER RATINGS

BOAZ MYHILL

GREAT performance and kept his side in it with a series of great saves.

DANIEL COLES

UNLUCKY to be carried off on a stretcher after just 10 minutes.

LEON CORT

LOOKED shaky and had Myhill to thank for such excellent goalkeeping.

DAMIEN DELANEY

MUCH the same as Cort and allowed the Luton front men too much space.

ANDY DAWSON

STEADY game at left-back and never really troubled by Brkovic.

RYAN FRANCE

QUIET game on right-hand side of midfield. Failed to deliver enough.

STUART ELLIOTT

GOT forward when he could but lacked his normal cutting edge.

JOHN WELSH

QUIET afternoon in midfield and allowed Luton to dominate.

STUART GREEN STARTED on left of midfield before

moving up front. Lacked punch. NICKY BARMBY

BEGAN up front before moving to the left side of midfield. Poor game.

CHRIS BROWN

ALWAYS a willing runner up front but no cutting edge and ran out of steam.

SUBSTITUTES

Joseph (Coles) 6, Fagan (Barmby) 6, Burgess (Brown) 6.

BOAZ MYHILL (Hull) OUTSTANDING display. The Tigers keeper went within a whisker of earning his side a point until Howard struck five minutes from time. Made more than a dozen superb saves.



MARLON BERESFORD

STUNNING save ensured Luton's victory. Great performer.

CARLOS EDWARDS

SUPER game at right-back when you consider he is normally a midfielder.

CHRIS COYNE

SOLID performance by the centreback. Kept the toothless Tigers at bay.

RUSSELL PERRETT

EXTREMELY sound in the heart of a very well-organised defence.

SOL DAVIS

COMPETENT display by the left-back. who gave little away.

AHMET BRKOVIC

AMAZINGLY, Luton's most ineffectual performer. Did next to nothing.

STEVE ROBINSON

CLEARLY capable of handling this level. Looked the part.

KEVIN NICHOLLS

INSPIRING leadership. Loved to get forward at every opportunity.

DEAN MORGAN

KEPT the perfect shape on the left side of midfield.

STEVE HOWARD

WORKED hard enough but did not have a finishing touch.

WARREN FEENEY

A NON-STOP runner with Howard. But Luton's threat came from midfield.

SUBSTITUTES Not used: Brill, Barnett, Andrew, Holmes, Keane.



■ TOP HAT — Luton striker Steve Howard rifles home the late winner for the Hatters against Hull yesterday

BOAZ MYHILL walked off with the man-of-the-match award after a string of saves - but he could not keep out Steven Howard.

Hull keeper Myhill even drew praise from Luton manager Mike Newell.

He said: "Myhill was deservedly the best player. He made some terrific saves."

Hull boss Peter Taylor fumed: "I was pleased with the way Boaz played but not with the way he had to play."

There was nothing American stopper Myhill could do about Howard's 85th-minute winner.

In fact, Myhill made a brilliant close-range stop from Dean Morgan after Steve Robinson set up the chance.

The ball flew out to Ahmet Brkovic, whose cross was touched in by the lurking Howard.

Hull were sliced open too often as Luton made 10 goal attempts in the last 55 minutes.

But Taylor faces greater problems at the other end of the field. Nicky Barmby was hauled off as

Taylor searched desperately for an answer to the Tigers' lack of goals.

a real concern. Luton found a way **DAVID ALEXANDER** at KC Stadium

striker Craig Fagan. But the switch lost Coles in the early minutes to a failed to do the trick - leaving Hull without a goal for the fifth time in the league this season. And they failed to find the target for the third game in a row.

Striker Howard's winner was no more than Luton deserved after dominating for long periods.

And it left England Under-21 boss Taylor scratching his head for an answer.

Strength

He added: "I said before the game that Lady Luck has not been smiling on us.

"We've hit the bar, post and had injuries. We've picked up another one today on Danny Coles that could be serious.

"We've made enough chances to score but they made too many.

"On the strength of the chances they made, I would gladly have settled for a 0-0.

"I thought Chris Brown got better as the match went on. I Barmby had little impact and thought Craig Fagan might have after the clash with Wolves on was replaced after 62 minutes by made the difference for us." City September 10.

knee injury.

HULL'S lack of goals has become

Hull were bright in the first 35 minutes with Luton keeper Marlon Beresford responding well.

Beresford made outstanding saves from Ryan France, Stuart Green and Chris Brown - but then the Tigers effort faded badly.

In fact, the scoreline could have been worse for Hull as Luton were denied a goal before the break.

Referee Graham Salisbury ruled Brkovic was offside as he put the ball in the net but it was deflected to him by Hull's Andy Dawson.

minute when his shot hit a post. Myhill saved efforts from Morgan twice, Carlos Edwards

Howard came close in the 46th

and Howard in the last 10 minutes of the first half. He defied Luton again after the

Sol Davis and Chris Coyne (twice) before Howard struck. Newell has been charged by the FA for verbally abusing officials

break, keeping out Kevin Nicholls,



SKOT OF THE MATCH

KEVIN NICHOLLS' 50th-minute curler which forced Hull keeper Boaz Myhill into one of his many brilliant saves.

PETER TAYLOR'S constant tinkering with the front two - and nothing ever came of his changes.

MARLON BERESFORD'S magnificent one-handed stop from Green's 20-yard drive on 30 minutes.

GRAHAM SALISBURY had an impressive afternoon's work. He let the game flow and issued just one yellow card.

THIS contest died Nicky Barmby was totally ineffectual up

midfield. He was withdrawn on the hour. Ahmet Brkovic had an unbelievably quiet afternoon.

front and then in

2	Attempts on target	0
0	Attempts off target	0
1	Caught offside	5
3	Fouls committed	0
0/0	Cards Y/R	0/0

4	Win	0
4 3 1	Home win	1
	Away win	0
0	Defeat	1
0 .	Home defeat	7
0	Away defeat	1
	Score draw	2
8	No-score draw	6
0 3	Conceding a goal	1
3	Scoring a goal	0

Current form

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