

Super sub Williams strikes again

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TWENTY minutes from time, Millwall manager David Tuttle made a double substitution. The second of those saw Colin Cameron replaced by Barry Cogan — and the booing began. Cameron, on loan from Wolves, had been Millwall's best player and the home fans could not see why he had been taken off. But the arrival of Marvin Williams made all the difference.

A minute into stoppage time, Williams latched onto a Carl Asaba flick-on from Matt Lawrence's deep pass to touch the ball home for Millwall's first win in more than two months, and a repeat scenario of their last triumph.

Williams was the match-winner when they beat Derby 2-1 at the start of January, but since then a run

Millwall	2
Luton	1
Richard Lewis at The Den	

of four defeats and four draws has brought the prospect of relegation ever closer. They began this match five points adrift of safety, but the Williams effect provided more than just a battle cry.

"We are now only two behind Sheffield Wednesday," said Tuttle. "We have to go after them."

How fickle fans can be. Their protests began before

the game when leaflets were distributed about chairman Peter de Savary and proposed building plans around the Bermondsey area when the supporters were hoping for more investment in the team. And when Cameron was brought off, the abuse was directed towards Tuttle.

"The fans are not happy?" he asked. "I did not hear them booing. Colin came off because he also played on Thursday and we do not want to tire him out. I brought Marvin and Barry on to liven it up."

The way Luton took hold of the match at the start of the second half, equalising within a minute, an away victory seemed the likely outcome. But Millwall are a strange side. Anything but spectacular,

Match stats

	Millwall	Luton
Shots on target (incl goals)	3	8
Shots off target	3	3
Blocked shots	0	1
Corners won	0	6
Total fouls conceded	16	17
Offsides	2	1
Yellow cards	3	1
Red cards	0	0
Possession	40%	60%

STAR MAN: Kevin Nicholls (Luton)

Scorers: Millwall: May 33, Williams 90
Luton: Coyne 47

Referee: U Rennie

Attendance: 9,871

Millwall: Marshall 6, Lawrence 6, Robinson 7 (Dyer 83min, 6), Whitbread 7, Elliott 6, Dunne 6 (Williams 72min, 6), Cameron 6 (Cogan 72min, 5), Craig 6, Livermore 5, May 7, Asaba 5

Luton: Beresford 5, Foley 6, Underwood 6, Heikkinen 6, Coyne 6, Edwards 7, Nicholls 8, Holmes 6 (Morgan 86min, 5), Brkovic 5 (Showunmi 86min, 5), Howard 6, Vine 5 (Feeney 73min, 6)

they can also be a difficult team to breakdown.

They still have to play fellow relegation candidates Leicester and Derby, which could decide their fate at the end of the season, while Luton

manager Mike Newell has half an eye on next year.

After Ben May had fired Millwall ahead in the 33rd minute, Chris Coyne scored the equaliser but Luton couldn't build on it.