

LUTON TOWN

PLAYER RATINGS

MARLON BERESFORD 7/10

Reliable when called upon with the game on the line

KEVIN FOLEY 6/10

Steady and solid in a lively display

CHRIS COYNE 7/10

Took over as captain and led by example

LEON BARNETT 6/10

At fault for Leicester's opener but recovered well

SOL DAVIS 7/10

Neat and tidy as usual but posed little threat going forward

CARLOS EDWARDS 7/10

Always a threat down the right

KEVIN NICHOLLS 5/10

Skipper lasted just eight minutes before limping off

PETER HOLMES 5/10

Went AWOL as the tackles went flying in

PAUL UNDERWOOD 6/10

His delivery created the equaliser

ROWAN VINE 5/10

Anonymous before being dragged off

STEVE HOWARD 7/10

His battering-ram approach caused problems

SUBSTITUTES

DAVID BELL – worked hard 6
WARREN FEENEY – quick impact 6
ENOCH SHOWUNMI – uneasy 6

LEICESTER

PLAYER RATINGS

PAUL HENDERSON 7/10

Made important saves at key moments

RICHARD STEARMAN 6/10

Showed great movement all over the pitch

PATRICK MCCARTHY 7/10

A calming influence when the pressure was on

PATRICK KISNORBO 6/10

Linked play well but lost the aerial battle

NILS-ERIC JOHANSSON 5/10

Struggled to contain Carlos Edwards

ALAN MAYBURY 6/10

Bombed forward at every opportunity

GARETH WILLIAMS 6/10

Picked out Fryatt for the goal which broke deadlock

JOEY GUDJONSSON 6/10

In the thick of the action

STEPHEN HUGHES 5/10

Never really stretched the Luton defence

IAIN HUME 6/10

Full of running up front

MATTY FRYATT 7/10

Neat finish for the opener in a lively performance

SUBSTITUTES

ANDREW WELSH – quiet 6
CHRIS O'GRADY – last action hero 7

ROB SEES OFF HIS BIG RIVAL

LUTON TOWN ①
Howard 53

LEICESTER CITY ②
Fryatt 16, O'Grady 88

Aft: 9,783 Rating: ★★★★★

05/06

FOXES fans made it clear who they want to see in the dug-out next season as Rob Kelly came out on top against his biggest rival for the manager's job.

The Leicester boss has masterminded a revival at the Walkers Stadium and his side went ten points clear of danger after tasting defeat just once in his eight matches in charge.

But Kelly is still not certain to stay in the job beyond the end of this campaign, with Luton counterpart Mike Newell in the running to take over the reins.

That made it all the sweeter for Kelly when substitute Chris O'Grady popped up with two minutes left to score the winner and make it one win in seven for Newell.

Kelly said: "It's nice that the fans were singing my name at the end – but I'm worldly enough to know things can change quickly. We've still got a lot of work to do to stay up."

"We've got 43 points and no-one's ever survived with 43 points before. We're not safe yet and we've got a lot of work to do."

"We lacked a bit of self-belief and confidence before and I've tried to change that. Those things come with results, but we know we can't let up. We can't cruise our way through this."

"I'm delighted for the players. They earned the three points here. It was a tight game and Luton took control in the second half but my players showed spirit and character to weather the storm."

The Foxes were first to every ball in the first half and went deservedly in front when Matty Fryatt burst clear after a slip by Leon Barnett to slot home a long ball from Gareth Williams.

By then, Luton were already playing without skipper Kevin Nicholls, who limped off with a serious knee ligament injury early on, and they were lucky to reach half-time only a goal down despite Steve Howard hitting the post.

Newell read the riot act during the interval and it sparked a revival, with Howard's diving header levelling the scores after Chris Coyne headed on Paul Underwood's corner.

But O'Grady snatched vic-

By **PAUL BROWN**

tory for the visitors with his first goal for the Foxes – just seven minutes after coming off the bench.

The youngster was in the right place at the right time to convert a cross-shot from fellow sub Andrew Welsh and sink the home side with just two minutes left.

Kelly said: "I was delighted for him. He's on the training ground morning, noon and night and you have to drag him off sometimes."

"He went to Rushden on loan to learn about the harsh realities of the Football League and he's come back with determination."

For Luton, it was a third straight defeat, and with Nicholls unlikely to play again this season, their play-off hopes look dead and buried.

Newell moaned: "It looks like that's his season over. It's his medial ligaments and he's struggling."

"You don't want to lose any players and he's our skipper and an influential player for us. We were just getting our squad back up to strength, but we'll have to deal with it."

"That's two games in a row now we've lost to late goals. It happened two years ago and we put a stop to it, so we'll have to do that again."

"The play-offs are still mathematically possible. You've always got a chance. But we're running out of games and we've got to win seven out of eight to have any chance."

STAR MAN: **MATTY FRYATT**
(Leicester)



	DEFENSIVE BLOCK	DEFENSIVE CLEARANCE	SHOT ON TARGET	SHOT OFF TARGET	FOULS COMMITTED	FREE KICKS WON	CAUGHT OFFSIDE	CROSSES		DEFENSIVE BLOCK	DEFENSIVE CLEARANCE	SHOT ON TARGET	SHOT OFF TARGET	FOULS COMMITTED	FREE KICKS WON	CAUGHT OFFSIDE	CROSSES
Davis	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	Johansson	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	-
Barnett	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	3	McCarthy	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-
Coyne	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	Kisnorbo	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Edwards	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	2	Stearman	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	-
Underwood	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Hughes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nicholls	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	Williams	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Holmes	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	Gudjonsson	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	3
Foley	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	Maybury	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Howard	-	-	4	2	4	3	2	-	Hume	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Vine	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	Fryatt	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	-
SUBSTITUTES									SUBSTITUTES								
Showunmi	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	O'Grady	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-
Feeney	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	Welsh	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Bell	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-									

KEEPER: Beresford 7 saves (5 Catch, 1 Punch, 1 Parry)

47% POSSESSION 53%

KEEPER: Henderson 6 saves (5 Catch, 1 Punch)

FULL STRETCH: Luton's Leon Barnett gets up for a header against the Foxes

PICTURE: Michael Schogger

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Mike Newell

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