

Kelly: Get set to fight for your lives

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LEICESTER.....1

Yeates 6



LUTON.....1

Morgan 33

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LEICESTER CITY manager Rob Kelly warned his players to brace themselves for a relegation battle after watching the Foxes throw away a goal lead against Luton Town.

He said: "You can't ever be happy with a point at home, no matter who you're playing. We huffed and puffed and I wasn't pleased with the goal we conceded.

"We need a minimum of 16 points from 16 games to be safe and they're not going to be easy to get. Every point is going to be a challenge because this is such a competitive division."

Milan Mandaric was at the Walkers Stadium to watch Mark Yeates make a dream start to his Leicester career with a goal after just six minutes.

The Serb tycoon, whose £25million takeover of the Foxes is due to be completed over the next few days, must have been impressed by the 22-year-old who scored with his very first touch of the ball after arriving on loan from Spurs.

Andy Johnson's astute throughball was seized upon by Iain Hume and, when his shot was beaten away by Marlon Beresford, Yeates was on hand to calmly side-foot the loose ball into an unguarded net from 18 yards.

Moments earlier Bjorn Runstrom had almost given Luton the lead when he was a whisker away from Matthew Spring's near-post cross.

By BILL NYMAN

Hume and Alan Maybury both fired just over from distance before Hatters debutant Runstrom - on loan from Fulham until the end of the season - twice went close, first driving over from 18 yards and then just failing to hit the target from a half-cleared David Bell free-kick.

But Luton did level on 33 minutes when dead-ball specialist Bell flighted a free-kick to the far post where shoddy marking allowed Dean Morgan - an eighth minute substitute for the injured Lewis Emanuel - to glance home a simple header.

Shortly after the restart Geoff Horsfield, desperate to impress in his first game after joining City on loan from Sheffield United, was denied a penalty when tackled from behind by Russell Perrett.

Luton continued to make chances themselves, the best of them when Perrett head-

ed a Bell free-kick to the far post narrowly wide and then Kevin Foley was desperately close with another header.

At the death Luton survived a scare when Levi Porter's free-kick into the box created a mad scramble which ended with Beresford bravely diving onto the ball.

Luton manager Mike Newell said: "We've miles to go and I'm not looking at or thinking about relegation because I know when we get all our players fit we're capable of winning games."

STAR MAN: BJORN RUNSTROM (Luton Town)

MATCH STATS

LEICESTER v LUTON

10	Shots on target	2
7	Shots off target	7
6	Corners	4
5	Offside	0
12	Fouls conceded	19
2	Yellow Cards	4
0	Red Cards	0
55	Possession %	45

LEICESTER: 4-4-2: Henderson 6, Johansson 6, Kisorbo 6, Maybury 5, McAuley 6, Yeates 8 (Hammond 77), Johnson 6, Hughes 5 (Stearman 6, 63), Porter 7, Hume 6, Horsfield 6. Subs not used: Logan, Kenton, Cadamarteri.

LUTON: 4-4-2: Beresford 6, Davis 6, Foley 6, Emanuel (Morgan 7, 9), Perrett 6, Keane 5, Robinson 5, Bell 6 (Langley 79), Spring 6, Talbot 6 (Boyd 79), Runstrom 8. Subs not used: Brill, Asafu-Adjaye.