

TEAMS



Doncaster Rovers showed just one change from the side held to a 1-1 draw at Leyton Orient in today's must-win

League one encounter against Luton Town.

With Steve Roberts, who has a suspected cartilage problem, ruled out, 20-year-old Sam Hird, pictured, came in for just his second start of the season at centre-back.

Former skipper Graeme Lee, recalled from a loan spell at League Two Shrewsbury Town in midweek, was on the bench.

Stuart Elliott, ruled out of the Orient game with a slight back injury, came in for Sean McDaid, who dislocated his kneecap in a midweek practice game.

Relegated Luton, who were unlucky to come away from the City Ground last weekend empty handed, named an unchanged side.



DONCASTER ROVERS

- 1 Sullivan
- 2 O'Connor
- 21 Hird
- 22 Mills
- 3 Gareth Roberts
- 20 Green
- 8 Stock
- 19 Wellens
- 26 Coppinger
- 10 Taylor
- 9 McCammon

Subs:

Guy, Heffernan, Elliott, Lee, Price



LUTON TOWN

- 1 Brill
- 38 Asafu-Adjaye
- 4 Hutchison
- 21 Keane
- 26 Davis
- 10 Currie
- 25 Spring
- 15 O'Leary
- 17 Emanuel
- 28 McVeigh
- 9 Parkin

Subs:

Beresford, Andrew, Langley, Jackson, Robinson

Referee

Colin Webster (Tyne & Wear)

Mills and boon as Carlisle slip up

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THE stakes could not of been any higher for Doncaster Rovers at the start of their final League One home game of the season.

Third place Rovers knew that they had to win both remaining games to be in with a chance of securing automatic promotion to the Championship.

Rovers were the first to threaten and Green shot just wide of the far post with an angled effort after good work by right-back O'Connor in the build-up.

Only a tremendous reflex save by keeper Brill denied Rovers defender Mills.

Brill produced an equally good save to keep out Taylor's goal-bound header from the resulting corner.

Rovers had made a confident start and there was no sign of any of the nerves which had affected them in the first half at Orient.

Brill produced his third top-notch save of the game when he parried a 20-yard shot by Coppinger.

The ball fell nicely for O'Connor but he blasted his angled shot over the bar.

It had been all one-way traffic so far and Luton could have easily have found themselves a couple of goals down, and effectively out of the game.

Brill, who got down well to smother the ball, was again equal to the task when Gareth Roberts unleashed a low shot after dribbling into the area.

Coppinger shot over with a first-time effort after getting on the end of a ball played into the box from the right.

Rovers continued to press for a vital first goal and centre-back Hird was unlucky to see a goal-bound shot blocked by a defender.

It had been Rovers' best opening spell for several weeks and Luton simply had no answer to their pace and creativity.

Striker Taylor, who had dropped back to help out the defence, produced two clearing header in quick succession midway through the half.

Luton's central midfielder Spring was booked for a rash challenge on Coppinger - referee Webster wisely letting play continue before showing the former Leeds and Watford man a yellow card. Green robbed a defender 35-



Goal glee: Matt Mills, left, for Rovers with Paul Green delighted

Picture: Steve Taylor



STEVE HOSSACK

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Half-time

Rovers1 Luton0

Luton started the second half with Robinson on for McVeigh, who slotted in midfield as Luton switched to a 4-5-1 formation.

Rovers skipper Stock needed treatment for a leg injury before being able to continue but he was soon in trouble

again and limped off to be replaced by Elliott on 50 minutes.

O'Connor won Rovers their first corner of the half from which Green shot into the side-netting when well placed.

Mills, who was having an excellent game, headed over from Wellens' speculative cross into the box on 58 minutes.

Sullivan remonstrated angrily with his defenders after Spring was allowed to get a 20-yarder - which sailed over the bar - away.

Brill made another tremendous save to keep out a McCammon header three



minutes later.

The crowd were in full voice at this stage and were giving the team tremendous vocal support.

The news filtering through from south London was that Rovers' promotion rivals Carlisle were three down at Millwall.

Luton were enjoying more possession so far this half than they had done in the corresponding period of the first half, and although they hadn't threatened an equaliser Rovers couldn't afford to relax.

Parkin capitalised on a defensive mistake to edge near a shooting opportunity on the edge of the box on 70 minutes, only for Mills to provided a timely block.

Rovers made a second substitution seconds later with Price coming on for Taylor.

McCammon got a header on target from a 72nd minute free kick but it sailed straight into Brill's arms.

Luton made their second substitution a minute later with Andrew replacing Davies.

Gareth Roberts and Wellens combined well down the right as Rovers turned defence into attack but the midfielder's pass just failed to find Elliott who had sprinted into a good position 30-yards from goal.

Spring tested Sullivan with a low 20-yarder on 77 minutes.

Rovers doubled their lead on 82 minutes when McCAMMON headed home in style after latching on to a cross by Gareth Roberts following a free kick on the right.

There was a big cheer when former Rovers skipper Lee came on for his first taste of league action with the club this season on 85 minutes.

Price got a shot on target two minutes later but it lacked any real pace and Brill, in the Luton goal, made an easy collection.