

Hollands makes amends for gaffe



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ROLLS RHOYS: Eddie Howe bellows instructions, while, inset, Rhys Wiggins stays in control



WING WIZARD: Loanee Jake Thomson keeps his eye on the ball

DANNY Hollands went from villain to hero as Cherries claimed a share of the spoils from an entertaining encounter with fellow strugglers Luton Town last night.

The midfielder scored at both ends in the space of 18 first-half minutes, cancelling out his own goal opener with a finely-taken equaliser.

Hollands's exploits ensured the contest between the bottom two ended all-square – to leave Cherries still 10 points adrift of League Two safety.

The Hatters were gifted the lead when Hollands poked Sam Parkin's cross past his own goalkeeper David Button after just 11 minutes.

But Hollands soon made amends when he bagged his fifth goal of the season with a thunderous right-foot strike in the 29th minute.

Cherries boss Howe was forced to make one change to his starting line-up after Mark Molesley failed a late fitness test on a dead leg.

His place in central midfield went to Hollands who returned after sitting out Saturday's stirring victory over Wycombe through suspension.

Brett Pitman, the hero of Cherries' win over Wycombe, was handed an opportunity to draw first blood after six minutes, only to strike his free kick straight at the Luton wall.

But after a frenetic start, disaster struck for Cherries when the visitors – like Wycombe – were presented with the lead during the opening stages of the first half.

Hollands inadvertently turned the ball past Button from close range after Parkin's header across the six-yard box had caused confusion.

Another free kick from Pitman

CHERRIES 1

Hollands (29)

LUTON TOWN 1

Hollands (og 11)

STANDINGS

Coca-Cola League Two										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Wycombe	27	13	11	3	34	18	50			
Brentford	26	12	10	4	35	20	46			
Bury	28	13	7	8	39	28	46			
Darlington	26	12	8	6	43	25	44			
Dag & Red	27	12	7	8	52	30	43			
Shrewsbury	27	11	10	6	40	21	43			
Gillingham	27	12	7	8	38	36	43			
Rochdale	26	11	9	6	45	33	42			
Bradford	27	11	9	7	44	32	42			
Exeter	26	11	7	8	34	30	40			
Lincoln City	27	9	9	9	34	31	36			
Aldershot	26	10	6	10	37	43	36			
Notts County	28	7	11	10	34	44	32			
Macclesfield	26	9	5	12	32	48	32			
Chesterfield	25	8	7	10	41	38	31			
Port Vale	27	9	3	15	31	45	30			
Morecambe	26	6	10	10	27	37	28			
Accrington	26	7	6	13	29	39	27			
Chester	27	6	7	14	30	48	25			
Rotherham	26	11	7	8	32	28	23			
Barnet	27	4	10	13	28	50	22			
Grimsby	26	4	9	13	24	43	21			
CHERRIES	27	6	10	11	30	39	11			
Luton	27	7	11	9	37	44	2			

League Two: Accrington Stanley 1 Morecambe 0, Barnet 0 Shrewsbury 0, Cherries 1 Luton 1, Brentford 3 Aldershot 0, Bury 1 Bradford 0, Darlington 1 Rotherham 0, Gillingham 1 Lincoln City 2, Grimsby 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 1, Macclesfield 0 Wycombe 0, Port Vale 3 Chester 0, Rochdale 3 Notts County 0.

clipped the top of the wall as Cherries went in search of an equaliser before Luton skipper Kevin Nicholls was booked following a series of fouls.

However, Cherries drew level when Hollands atoned for his own goal by scoring at the right end following a sweeping move, started by the lively Pitman, after 29 minutes.

The young striker burst down the right flank before his cross into the danger zone caused all sorts of problems for the Hatters defence.

Initially, Steve Fletcher looked certain to tee up Sammy Igoe,

only for Luton goalkeeper Conrad Logan to intercept his intended pass.

But after the ball had run loose to Hollands on the edge of the box, his blistering drive fizzed past the despairing dive of Logan and into the back of the onion bag.

Hatters goalkeeper Logan had to be on his toes to pluck Jake Thomson's looping cross from under the crossbar before Asa Hall was also cautioned after felling Bartley.

Luton defender Ian Roper, booked for going through the back of Pitman, was then substi-

tuted and replaced by Sol Davis just six minutes into the second period.

Fletcher wasted an opportunity to test Logan when he lifted his shot over the crossbar following good work by Thomson and Igoe.

Thomson then made way for Josh McQuoid as Cherries made their first change after 61 minutes before Pitman's free kick flashed across the goalmouth.

Fletcher's thumping left-foot volley was charged down by Ed Asafu-Adjaye, while veteran Kevin Gallen saw his effort drift well wide of the upright.

Jason Pearce collected a book-

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