



KIDDERMINSTER H 1 LUTON TN 2

Barnes-Homer (13)

Newton (76), Charles (90)



THE LATE SHOW: Sub Ryan Charles celebrates scoring the late winner with first goal scorer, Adam Newton
PICTURE: James Bagg

LATE LUTON FOIL KIDDY

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MANAGERLESS Luton Town grabbed a dramatic last-minute winner through super sub Ryan Charles in an action-packed clash in which both teams had a player sent off.

Kidderminster went ahead during the first half through Matthew Barnes-Homer before the hard working Hatters equalised on 76 minutes with a goal from Adam Newton.

Luton then capped a splendid second half display when Charles snatched his last-gasp winner in a showdown which exploded just before the interval when each side were reduced to ten men.

Firstly, Hatters' midfielder Rossi Jarvis was dismissed. Shortly afterwards Kidderminster striker Robbie Matthews followed him into the dressing room.

Luton's caretaker manager Alan Neilson said: "We had a man sent off which I didn't think was a red card, but I didn't think theirs was a sending off either.

"It opened up the game in the

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second half so we changed formation as we knew we had to go for it. All I asked was for the lads to do their best and they were superb.

"The first goal knocked the stuffing out of us but the subs that came on in the second half had an effect on the game."

Kidderminster boss Mark Yates said: "The big turning point was our sending off. We were 1-0 up and it should have been two or three. We were the only team in the game for the first half and it changed the complexion of the match completely."

Harriers, locking horns with Luton for the first time since 2002 when both clubs were in the Football League, went ahead on 13 minutes when Duane Courtney set up the opportunity for Barnes-Homer to chest the ball down before firing past goalkeeper Mark Tyler from just inside the area.

It was his seventh goal of the season and just the tonic Harriers were looking for after the visitors had earlier seen shots from Ben

Wright, Tom Craddock and Jarvis fail to hit the target.

Shortly before the half hour mark Tyler pulled off a splendid save to keep out a header from Brian Smikle following a cross by Courtney.

Luton, however, continued to produce some useful approach play but were prone to letting themselves down when they got in sight of goal.

The game, however, took a dramatic twist just before half time when Jarvis was dismissed after a foul on Chris McPhee who, despite trying to carry on, was soon replaced by Gavin Caines.

Then, two minutes into first half stoppage time, Matthews was harshly given his marching orders

MATCH STATS K'MINSTER v LUTON

3 SHOTS ON TARGET	8
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3 CORNERS	5
6 OFFSIDE	6
9 FOULS CONCEDED	8
0 YELLOW CARDS	1
1 RED CARDS	1

STAR MAN: Fred Murray (Luton)
ATT: 2,927

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★
REF RATING: R Wigglesworth 5/10

KIDDERMINSTER: 4-3-1-2: Coleman 7; Courtney 7, Riley 7, McPhee 6 (Cairnes 45, 6), Baker 6; Bennett 7, Finnigan 6, Smikle 6; Knights 6 (Hayward, 54, 6); Barnes-Homer 7, Matthews 6. Subs not used: Dolman, Hadley, Farrell.
LUTON: 4-4-2: Tyler 7; Asafu-Adjaye 5 (Gnapka, 52, 7), White 6, Pilkington 7, Murray 8 (Howells, 88); Nicholls 7, Jarvis 6, Hall 7; Newton 7; Craddock 7, Wright 5 (Charles, 61, 6). Subs not used: Gore, Blackett.

when he trod on Tyler, when the goalkeeper tried to smother the ball at the striker's feet.

Luton quickly signalled their intentions for the second half when Craddock had a crisp drive saved by Coleman before Asa Hall headed narrowly wide.

Harriers, however, remained on the look-out for another goal with Smikle missing a decent chance when he blazed a left-footer over the bar.

But it was the home defence that cracked when Newton smashed in a shot from the edge of the area.

They grabbed their last-gasp winner with a neatly executed flick by Charles which flew past Coleman following a cross from Hall.