

Moore's bemused at Millers' defending



ROTHERHAM2

Le Fondre 45+3, Brogan 62



LUTON TOWN2

Craddock (pen) 21, Nwokoji 74

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A DOMINANT Rotherham must now travel to Kenilworth Road for a replay thanks to two pieces of lax defending that left Millers manager Ronnie Moore shaking his head in shock.

United came from a goal down to take a 2-1 lead after needlessly conceding a penalty in the first half, but a lapse in concentration allowed Luton to grab their equaliser.

Moore said: "It was a bit disappointing to concede two silly goals.

"To give a penalty away like that was unbelievably naïve.

"When we were 2-1 up, I was probably more comfortable in the dug-out than I've been since coming to Rotherham.

"I was even thinking we could go on and get a third, but we've cut our own throats and that's disappointing.

"That's the frustrating thing for me because I thought we were cruising.

"But we gifted them two goals by bad decision making."

The Millers started with all the territory and all the possession, but with 22 minutes gone, Andy Nicholas dived in recklessly on Claude Gnapka to concede a penalty, which Tom Craddock coolly dispatched straight down the middle of the goal.

In-form Adam Le Fondre popped up in first-half injury time to equalise, beating his man to tap in from four yards

By Steven Chicken

after great work down the right by Ryan Taylor and Tom Pope.

The second half saw few chances until the 62nd minute, when Gary Roberts' superb byline cross was met by the unmarked Stephen Brogan's looping header to give the Millers the lead.

But substitute Mark Nwokoji levelled the scores 12 minutes later, springing an offside trap to race on to Kevin Gallen's through ball and slot past Andy Warrington with not a defender in sight.

And Luton boss Richard Money believed it was the right result.

He said: "I thought it was another great cup tie.

"That's three we've had since I've been here, all against sides in the top three of the league above us.

"The penalty was a bit against the run of play. And they'd obviously

had more of the ball than us.

"But I don't think they created any clear-cut chances either. From then until the end of the first half, we played well.

"Bringing on Mark when we were 2-1 down enabled us to be more offensive. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't."

Rotherham pushed forward in the closing minutes, with Pope's 25 yard drive going close, but Luton seemed happy to see the game out and force a replay.



HOTSHOT: Adam Le Fondre of Rotherham

ROTHERHAM (4-4-2): Warrington 6, Lynch 6, Fenton 6, Sharps 6, Nicholas 5, Brogan 7, Low 6, Roberts 7, Taylor 7 (Harrison 80, 6), Pope 7, Le Fondre 8 Subs not used: Annerson, Broughton, Green, Mills, Cummins, Joseph
LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): K Pilkington 6, Blackett 6, White 6, G Pilkington 6, Murray 6, Nichols 6, Keane 6, Nowlan 8, Gnafka 6 (Nwokoji 66, 7), Gallen 6 (Hall 90), Craddock 8 (Howells 83, 6) Subs not used: Carr, Jarvis, Asadu-Adjay, Emanuel

