



TAMWORTH 3 LUTON TOWN 1

Perry 11, Thomas 78, Bradley 90+4

Craddock 48



10/11

Magnificent Tamworth shock Luton at The Lamb

MATCH STATS

TAMWORTH v LUTON

5 SHOTS ON TARGET	3
3 SHOTS OFF TARGET	4
2 CORNERS	4
1 OFFSIDE	1
8 FOULS CONCEDED	11
0 YELLOW CARDS	3
0 RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Dan Bradley

(Tamworth)

ATT: 1,694

ENTRANCE: *****

REF RATING: SJ Ross 7/10

TAMWORTH: 4-4-2: Adams 7, Tait 9, Barrow 7, Smith 8, Wyder 7, Marshall 8, Wilkinson 7, Rodman 8, Perry 7 (Sheridan 81), Bradley 6, Thomas 8. Subs not used: Mitchell, MacKenzie, Lake-Gaskin, Lyle.

LUTON: 4-4-2: K Pilkington 7, Gleeson 6, F. Murray 5, G. Pilkington 5, Krco 5, Gnaka 5 (Howells 61), A. Murray 5, Barnes-Homer 5 (Gallen 62), S. Craddock 6, Beta 5 (Newton 63), Dwy 5. Subs not used: Tyler, Blackett.

By Matt Pantor

TAMWORTH produced a superb home performance to stun title favourites Luton.

Last season, Gary Mills' men made a habit of upsetting promotion hopefuls with wins against Oxford United and Stevenage.

Mills has been forced to rebuild his side this summer, but his vibrant new team continued in the same vein as goals from Kyle Perry, Danny Thomas and Daniel Bradley secured a shock victory. Tom Craddock provided the consolation for shell-shocked Luton.

Lamb's boss Mills said: "Make no mistake, we deserved this win.

"It wasn't a fluke. We deserved to beat Luton and possibly by three goals. It's a fantastic result for us and there's no getting away from that. I'm not going to play it down.

"It was not just the result that was satisfying. The performance was tremendous.

"We were the stronger side

against a team like Luton. The players were unbelievable."

The home side took the lead on 11 minutes with a fine counter-attacking move.

Former Aston Villa trainee Bradley set off on a run from his own penalty area and moved deep into the Luton half. The ball was worked to Richard Tait, whose inviting cross was powered home by Perry.

The Lambs almost doubled their advantage on 15 minutes as Tait's fine strike was tipped away by Luton keeper Kevin Pilkington.

The Hatters were struggling and couldn't create any chances of real significance.

Claude Gnaka's shot was blocked by Scott Barrow on the half hour mark. It was Luton's only effort of note.

At the other end, Alex Rodman saw a scrambled effort hooked away at the second attempt by George Pilkington.

After the break the Hatters did manage to get back on level terms. On 49 minutes a throw from the



DAN THE MAN: Dan Bradley celebrates his goal with his Tamworth teammates

PICTURE: Gareth Owen

left found its way through to Craddock in the box and he managed to create enough space to fire a low shot into the corner of the net.

The goal fired up Luton, who began to dominate and Tamworth keeper Ross Atkins did well to save a powerful close-range effort from Matt Barnes-Homer on 50 minutes.

But Tamworth gradually settled again and started to take control of the game.

Pilkington was called into action to tip a clipping Rodman free-kick over the bar on 68 minutes.

The Hatters continued probing, without really threatening, and it was Tamworth, who deservedly went in front on 78 minutes as Thomas hit a sweet left-foot shot into the corner from the edge of the penalty area.

The Lambs then killed off the game in the 94th minute as substitute Jake Sheridan released man-of-the-match Bradley who struck a sublime shot past the helpless Pilkington.

Luton fans made their unhappiness known at the final whistle, but

manager Richard Money warned that other difficult games lay ahead for his side.

Money said: "We have no divine right to beat anybody and anyone who thinks otherwise is living in cloud cuckoo land.

"When things are going a bit awry or a little bit wrong, you need support the most.

"Tamworth was the first test of that and we need to do better. We have got to get out of this league together. The team need the supporters behind them."