



BY GEORGE! George Pilkington scores Luton's second goal, while, inset: Matthew Barnes-Homer congratulates Donny Crow on his goal
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Boss Britton keeps his head hed high

BATH manager Adie Britton left Kenilworth Road a proud man despite having seen his team beaten for only the second time in eight league games.
The Romans may be in the drop zone, but Britton could see positives.
He said: "We've grown into

What they said...
a good passing side in recent months and I wanted to continue showing that here. We started off quite well so it was desperately disappointing to give away two sloppy goals."
"But I'm proud of the lads

and the way they've played for the last 60 minutes. If we'd shown a bit more belief when we got the goal as we did at Cambridge and York, we might have done something, because the crowd had turned and they were there for the taking."
Sour notes were a sus-

pected broken ankle for on-loan Cheltenham winger Marley Watkins and a rib injury for keeper Ryan Robinson.
The latter, however, boosted little sympathy from his boss with Britton adding: "If he'd caught the ball, he wouldn't have it."



By Stuart Hammonds
LUTON manager Richard Money's relationship with the Kenilworth Road crowd took another turn for the worse - despite Hatters making it five wins in their last six Blue Square Bet Premier games.

Donny Crow, George Pilkington and Tawo Atieno scored the goals that had effectively sealed the points by half-time as Bath keeper Ryan Robinson came to Hatters' 125th birthday party bearing gifts.
Former Easter and Cambridge striker Lee Phillips defended the deficit as Bath, inspired by midfielder Joe Burrell's introduction at the break, regrouped and made a last-minute Luton side sweat.
But it was Money's decision to take off Crow - who had pounced to open the scoring when Robinson failed to hold Andy Druce's 15th-minute shot - and leave top scorer Matthew Barnes-Homer on, that provoked reaction from both the fans and, after the game, a clearly irate manager.

By the time Crow departed for Dan Walker in the 74th minute, the home faithful had forgotten the applause with which they had greeted Luton legends like John Moore, Kingsley Black and Marvin Johnson at half-time.
Chants of "You don't know what you're doing" rang out from the 7,000 crowd - many who still hold against Money the gestures he made towards them after defeat at Tamworth in August.

At the end, Money walked down the tunnel, directly below the Hatters' most vociferous fans, with his arm around Barnes-Homer, who had started on the left before being moved up top with Jake

Howells supporting.
Money, celebrating his own first anniversary in charge, said: "I'm very

Hatters boss hits out at jeers

disappointed - and it's like I said two weeks ago when I talked about signing another contract. If everybody is not together in all of this, I won't sign it. "If they can't trust me to make the right substitutions, I'm wasting my time. Everyone tells me that Howells and Barnes-Homer together for England C were outstanding."

"We had to do something about Burrell in the middle of the pitch and it meant taking one of the strikers off. We stuck Pavel Besta and Keith Keane with the other two midfield players and had three up top, and in the last 20 minutes we could have won four, five or six-one."

"We've won six out of seven (in all competitions), we're 3-1 up, and I've got supporters singing 'You don't know what you're doing'. Thanks very much. "I think it shows what people think about me. Have a look at the last year of results. Have a look at how the team is

progressing and you get that reaction when you make a substitution because you take off someone who they like. I'm so disappointed, and I have to really think about where we go from here."

In truth, Money's post-match rant was much more interesting than much of the game.

Returning to the substitution, he added: "You've got a choice of either Barnes-Homer or Crow (to take off). For me, Barnes-Homer is much more of a No 9 than Crow. He plays that way for England. It was the natural substitution, and I thought in the last 20 minutes we were excellent - and Barnes-Homer was sensational. So there we are."

Barnes-Homer had already missed a glorious chance to put the Hatters in front in the opening 30 seconds - Robinson getting off on the right foot by making a fine double save from the nine-goal striker and then Atieno.

The game was held up for five minutes while the former Morcambe keeper received treatment to a rib injury sustained when Crow poked home his sixth goal in four matches.

Captain Pilkington headed home from a corner for the fourth time this season in the 28th minute. Asked about the "trademark" goal, Money replied: "Trademark goal because we work so hard at it. Give the coaching staff a bit of credit for once." Then Atieno and Crow killed beautifully for the former to slot home on 34 minutes.

Bath played some good stuff after the interval, and sub Phillips pounced on Zdenek Kocak's slip to pull a goal back with 25 minutes to go.

But Luton said it through to make it an anniversary to remember - for some.

STAR MAN: George Pilkington (Luton)
ATT: 7,003
ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★
REF RATING: Steve Brett 6/10

MATCH STATS

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LUTON v BATH		
8	SHOTS ON TARGET	2
4	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
9	CORNERS	2
2	OFFSIDE	2
17	FOULS CONCEDED	5
2	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0

LUTON: 4-4-2: Tyler 6, Gleeson 7, Kocak 6, Pilkington 6, Murray 7, Druce 7, Keane 7, Howells 7.
BATH: 4-4-1: Robinson 5, J. Clewley 6, Webb 7, Jones 6, (Burrell 4), J. Jordan 6, Watkins 6 (Phillips 4), 7, Cornhill 6, Fook 7, Connolly 6, Russell 6, Mohamed 6 (Murray 16, 35, 36). Subs not used: Asah-Adaya, Watkins, Gold.