

Charlton end Luton's brave resistance to earn plum tie

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Joe Anyinsah and Johnnie Jackson scored second-half goals to earn Charlton Athletic an FA Cup third-round tie away to Tottenham Hotspur, the latter's former club.

However, they were made to work hard for their victory against a Luton Town side who belied their non-League status.

The lure of facing the North London club appeared to motivate the home team as they enjoyed the brighter start with some free-flowing football.

Their first chance fell to Zdenek Kroca in the fifth minute, when he raced on to Keith Keane's deflected effort, but the midfield player was unable to apply the finish.

Amari Morgan-Smith then stretched his legs down the left wing before crossing for Danny Crow, but the ball almost dropped under Rob Elliot's crossbar.

Richard Money's team nearly scored the goal their hard work deserved in the 22nd minute, when Crow struck

Luton Town (4-4-2): M Tyler — D Gleeson, Z Kroca, G Pilkington, J Howells — C Gnakpa, K Keane, A Drury, A Morgan-Smith (sub: G Poku, 70min) — D Crow (sub: T Atieno, 75), M Barnes-Homer. **Substitutes not used:** C Hinton, P Besta, A Lacey, D Walker, L Kidd. **Booked:** Keane, Crow.
Charlton Athletic (4-4-2): R Elliot — S Francis, G Doherty, J Fortune, M Fry — S Wagstaff, J Semedo, T Racon (sub: A McCormack, 90), J Jackson — J Anyinsah (sub: A Sodie, 83), P Benson (sub: P Abbott, 60). **Substitutes not used:** R Worner, M Ulera, K Reid, Y Mambo. **Booked:** Doherty, Racon, Benson.
Referee: S Tanner.

the bar with a shot from the edge of the box from Claude Gnakpa's right-wing cross, while Keane's quick free kick nearly caught out Elliot before Gnakpa's header from the corner was well saved by the goalkeeper.

Charlton were still without a shot at goal when Kroca atoned for his miss, pouncing in the 38th minute to score from Andy Drury's corner.

Luton's goal sparked a reaction and Paul Benson made some incisive runs. The npower League One side showed their class when they equalised in the 44th minute with their first shot on target.

Therry Racon's long pass looked speculative but Simon Francis managed to keep the ball in. He crossed for Scott Wagstaff and the midfield player applied a neat header past Mark Tyler.

Luton started the second half with the same flourish with which they began the first and Amari Morgan-Smith had an early chance.

George Pilkington's header then needed a full-stretch save from Elliot, as the goalkeeper tipped the ball over the bar.

Charlton also had their chances, as Racon headed wide with the goal at his mercy when he should have hit the target. Pawel Abbott, who came on as a substitute, also went close with a shot in the 63rd minute that was spilt by Taylor.

The visiting team finally took the lead as Luton tired. Anyinsah capitalised after Matt Fry's 66th-minute shot was not cleared properly.

Jackson added a third goal in the 80th minute when his free kick from 25 yards was a deflected past Tyler.

The goals proved decisive as the Charlton defence stood firm and swotted away Luton's late efforts.