



LUCKY 13: Zdenek Kroca opens the scoring for Luton

Bath is the place to be, not Spurs

LUTON talisman Keith Keane and his manager Richard Money were united in agreement that they are happy to be going to Twerton Park rather than White Hart Lane on January 8.

The Hatters dominated League One high-flyers Charlton Athletic for long periods of Thursday's replay at Kenilworth Road – as they had at The Valley 12 days earlier – but went out 3-1 after taking a first-half lead through Zdenek Kroca.

Midfielder Keane was understandably disappointed not to be matching up with Harry Redknapp's Tottenham, but preferred to focus on their Blue Square Bet Premier promotion push and the trip to face Bath City on third round day.

The 24-year-old said: "I don't think we could have done much more to get through. We played really well in both games, and they only got on top in the second half of the replay.

"It would have been a great feeling for everyone to play Tottenham. Anyone in the Conference would love to have a day out at White Hart Lane, but it's over and done with now and we can concentrate on the league.

"I'd much rather win the title and get promoted back into the Football League."

The home fans made their feelings on the matter known, too, singing 'The FA Cup, who gives a f***, we're Luton Town and we're going up' non-stop from the 80th minute, when Johnnie Jackson's deflected free-kick made it 3-1 to the Addicks, until long after the players

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had departed the pitch.

Money said: "The support was excellent, and I'm not going to repeat what they've said, but it is what it is.

"We would have loved to have gone to White Hart Lane, don't get me wrong. But personally I'd much rather play Bath that weekend.

"We are a Conference team and that, in some respects, is a much more important game."

Keane went close with a quickly taken free-kick in the first half, while Danny Crow rattled the crossbar before the break.

A 44th-minute Scott Wagstaff equaliser and another from Joe Anyinsah, deflecting Matt Fry's shot inside the six-yard box, changed the complexion of the game before Jackson's effort was diverted by the wall past stranded Town keeper Mark Tyler.

Keane added: "We had good chances that would have been good goals. They score goals that hit someone's backside and go in, but what more can you do?

"They are not second in League One for no reason. They are a good team but we felt as if we were as good on both occasions, only they had the rub of the green."

Town face Welling in the FA Trophy today, and Keane added: "I'm not sure we'd have got past Spurs so the Cup run wouldn't have distracted us for too long. Make no mistake, our priority is the league. But if we can get to Wembley in the Trophy, we'll do our very best to."