

# WALSLEY'S ON AS LIONS

MATT'S THE WAY: Matthew Barnes-Homer scores the winner for Luton

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THE NEW 5th LEAGUE MATCH

**PLAYING their first Trophy quarter-final for 17 years, Guiseley went out with their heads held high after too with Blue Square Bet Premier high-fliers Luton at Netheroor.**

Mathew Barnes-Homer's 50th minute strike proved the only difference between the two sides as Blue Square Bet North leaders Guiseley showed their top-flight credentials. Hatters boss Richard Money may have used the Trophy to blood his fringe players this season, but he fielded a strong line-up here, while Guiseley counterpart Steve Kitrick welcomed back Ryan Tooten, Danny Ellis and James Walshore to the side.

Indeed, Guiseley took the game to their more illustrious visitors from the start with Warren Peyton signaling their intentions when he lobbed his free kick just over from 20 yards out. Defender Zdenek Krocza then came to Luton's

rescue shortly afterwards when James Walshaw steamed through.

The visitor's first chance opening saw home keeper Steven Drench out quickly to save at the feet of Alex Lawless, while at the other end, Walshaw put in a shot through a crowded area that just evaded the outstretched boot of Joe O'Neill at the far post.

Having survived the early onslaught, Tom's Amari Morgan-Smith got in behind the home defence and forced Drench in to parrying his shot away at full stretch and then saw the keeper deny Danny Crow with the follow up.

Having bossed the midfield in the first half, the Lions opened the second half with Danny Ellis' cheeky back header nearly catching Pilkington unawares. However, when the ball was played up the field

central defender lost ball just inside his own half to the lively Crow, who caught the Guiseley rearguard out of position and played the ball for Barnes-Homer to slip under the advancing Drench for the opener.

The visitors now began to finally show some of their quality as Fred Murray went close from 25 yards and Drench did well to block a Barnes-Homer effort from which Crow put the loose ball over the bar.

The Lions went all out for the equaliser in the final 15 minutes as first a goal-bound free kick from Peyton was tipped over by Pilkington, while from the resulting corner, O'Neill put his glancing header just the wrong side of the upright.

The home side then had strong appeals for a penalty waved away by

## MATCH STATS GUISELEY v LUTON

|   |                  |   |
|---|------------------|---|
| 0 | SHOTS ON TARGET  | 1 |
| 7 | SHOTS OFF TARGET | 4 |
| 7 | CORNERS          | 4 |
| 2 | OFFSIDE          | 1 |
| 9 | FOULS CONCEDED   | 4 |
| 2 | YELLOW CARDS     | 0 |
| 0 | RED CARDS        | 0 |

GUISELEY 4-2-0: Drench 6; Tooten 1; Cherry 85; VJ; Ellis 7; Ariga 8; Morris 6; Pothary 5; Elliott 79; Peyton 2; Scott 6; Newsham 5; O'Neill 8; Forrest 79; 6; Walshaw 1. Subs not used: McLaughlin; Crooks.

LUTON 4-2-0: Pilkington 7; Krocza 6; Graham 6; Kew 6; Barnes-Homer 6; Llewellyn 6; Morgan-Smith 7; 79; Howells 2; Morgan-Smith 1; 60; 60; Walker 1; Crow 45; 6; Subs not used: Tyler; O'Donnell.

LUTON TN 1  
Barnes-Homer 50



# A MISSION BOW OUT



referee Stephen Martin when Walshaw appeared to have been hauled down, while George Pilkington did well to block substitute Luke Sharpy's powerful shot.

Sharpy was involved again shortly afterwards but this time his teasing cross was punched off Walshaw's head by Pilkington after good work by Daryn Stamp.

Kitrick, while ruling the mistake that led to the Lions eventual downfall, was nevertheless proud of the overall performance.

"We just lacked that cutting edge to get the victory having dominated the midfield for much of the first half," he commented.

Luton assistant boss Gary Brabin, was disappointed with his side's performance, however, adding: "The first half performance led to harsh words at half-time - and that they had expected a tough last quarter of an hour but were obviously happy with the final outcome."

STAR MAN: Luke Graham (Luton)

ATT: 1,102

ENTERTAINMENT: \*\*\* +

REF RATING: Stephen Martin 6/10



ON THE CHARGE: Luton's Omar Morgan Smith bursts through