

TYLER GETS A PEW-PEW

Scott humbles Hughton's high-flyers



SUPERSUB Scott Rendell became an instant Luton legend after his winner ten minutes from time stunned their top-flight hosts.

Luton boss Paul Buckle replaced both his strikers late on and fellow sub JJ O'Donnell skipped down the left before crossing for Rendell to stab in his 12th of the season to ruin Chris Hughton's cup dream.

That meant the no-hopie Hatters became the first non-league outfit to beat a top-flight side in the cup for 24 years.

A beaming Buckle said: "It was an incredible performance and I'm absolutely delighted for the players and fans, who were amazing. Some teams could have come here and froze but we relished it."

"It was a quality goal. O'Donnell was clever and picked out Scott's brilliant run. Rendell is a class act and his record is phenomenal."

It was a day when all the Blue Square Bet Premier side's dreams came true, especially those of veteran goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

Norwich-born Tyler, 35, who was released by his beloved Canaries aged 15, was the other big Hatters hero with an inspired display.

It was Tyler's greatest ambition to finally play at Carrow Road and boy did he make the most of it with a string of saves including one absolute showstopper to keep out striker Grant Holt's 55th-minute header.

Luton, who saw off Wolves in the last round, join giant-killers Sutton, who beat Coventry all those years ago in FA Cup folklore.

An incredible 85 places separated these two in the league but a Norwich line-up showing seven changes from the side beaten 5-0 at Liverpool last week took an eternity to get going and the visitors were by far the more comfortable

team. It was 10 minutes before the Canaries even managed to get the ball into the Luton box and Tyler got his first touch three minutes later.

He was reduced to clapping his gloves together to keep warm but his first big moment came just before the half hour as Russell Martin's hopeful punt sent Simeon Jackson clear.

But the experienced Tyler got all his angles right and he blocked the Canadian striker's vicious shot.

Norwich had a full head of steam and came close to scoring in the 41st minute.

Leon Barnett's solid header from midfielder David Fox's inswinging delivery bounced back off the inside of the far post and Hatters winger Alex Lawless hacked the ball away as it bounced threateningly towards the line.

Luton immediately stormed to the other end and when striker Andre Gray went tumbling in the box under Jonny Howson's clumsy challenge, referee Andre Marriner infuriated the 4,000 travelling fans by waving away the loud appeals.

Norwich sent on the big guns in Holt, midfielder Wes Hoolahan and winger Anthony Pilkington after the break but the Hatters held off the Canary cavalry and Rendell's goal brought them the glory.

Rendell said: "It's brilliant to get the winner. It's incredible to come here and turn them over."

"I didn't even see it go in. I just heard the fans roar and went straight to celebrate with them."

The supporters have been so fantastic, they never stopped singing."

Norwich manager Hughton said: "It's a shock. They were a little lucky but that is the cup. They had one chance and took it."



SCOTT-CHA: Rendell runs to the fans following his late winner

THE FA CUP

NORWICH Luton

NORWICH: Flood 5, Martin 7, JJ Bennett 6, Barnett 6, Gando 7, E. Bennett 6 (Howson 73rd) 45, Fox 7, Howson 6, Suttman 6 (Pilkington 72nd) 65, Kane 4 (Holt 40th) 6, Jackson 7

LUTON: Tyler 3, Henry 7, Adams 6, Power-Turner 7, Taylor 7, Lawless 7, Smith 6, Mundy 6 (O'Donnell 60th) 71, Howkins 7, Shaw 7 (Barnett 75th) 71, Gray 7 (Rendell 75th) 7

STAR MAN: Mark Tyler

Ref: A. Marriner

STUNNED: Martin