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AN emotional Mark Tyler was in dreamland after helping Luton beat his hometown club to reach the last 16 of the FA Cup.

The 35-year-old Hatters goalkeeper started his career at Norwich as a trainee. He left for Peterborough in the mid-nineties, but retains a loss for the side he watched from the Carrow Road terraces in the 1980s and early

Tyler said: "This is where I started, it's where I wanted to play as a little boy, so to come back at this stage of my career and keep a clean sheet...it's an unbelievable

"They couldn't break us down, the substitutions the manager made had a grea impact and Scott Rendell has produced a great finish. nhelievable

Tyler, now in his fourth season with Luton after over a decade at London Road. played down his hat-trick of renotal same from Simoon lackson in the first half, then Grant Holt and Andrew

Surman after the break. "That's my job," he said modestly. "You know me, I go about my business quietly and I became a goalkeeper ecause I wanted to make

"I didn't really have much to do because the boys in front of me were incredible.

"We were quietly confident coming here. Norwich haven't been on the best of runs of late, and we were solid, played to the game plan and kept a fourth clean sheet in five games.

"The hard part today was the emotional side. My mum dad and family are here. I could have filled that stand over there with people who wanted to come and see me

"This is right up there with anything I've done in the game. When you come back to the club where you started - at 35 years of age - it's bril-

"It's a great day for me and for my family, but it is wonderful for Luton Town to be in the fifth round.

"The supporters were our 12th man. They were so loud from the minute we walked out, so today is for them and for their club."

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Rendell strike makes history



ELIA SMITH, Stephen Fry, Bryan Gunn, Jeremy Goss, Chris Hughton...your boys took one-nil of a beating!

OK, it might not have been an emphatic scoreline, but manager Paul Buckle, goalscorer Scott Rendell, man-of-the-match Mark Tyler a Norwich boy himself - and their Luton Town pals made history at Carrow Road vesterday.

The Hatters became the first Non-League side to beat a topflight side in the Premier League era; the first to defeat opposition ball since Coventry City, of the old First Division, lost at Sutton United in

In a week when League Two Bradford City struck a blow for every David in the land by reaching the League Cup final, Luton can still dream of reaching Wembley in the greatest knockout competition of

When they last reached the final in 1959. Luton beat the Canaries on the way although back then the Hatters played Goliath and Norwich the third division minnows.

er, and Buckle saluted his players for writing themselves into the Kerulworth Road annals, with Tyler's inspirational saves from Non-League old boys Simeon Jackson and Grant Holt providing sub Rendell with the stage to deliver the knock-out blow ten minutes from

"This group today deserve every plaudit they are going to get because it was an unbelievable



performance and they I go down in their first shot at goal, shooting after this! It was Buckle's three sub-that touch of class when it mattered. our history," said Buckle. "Luton straight at Declan Rudd from 20 Town have got a fantastic history. But yards out. these boys and myself want to add to

Buckle had worked on a game with a striker dropping in, and his middle quartet of Alex Lawless, Arnaud Mendy, Jonathan Smith and Jake Howells, with either Jon Shaw or Andre Gray making a fifth man, worked tirelessly to stop City's centre-backs launching attacks.

Not surprisingly, chances were at a premium for the Hatters. More surprisingly, they were too for City.

When lackson broke through just his line to save smartly Luton's biggest scare of the

first half came just before the break when Leon Barnett headed against a post. The rebound struck the ex-Hatters defender again and was heading over the line before Lewloss hacked it clear.

Gray might have had a penalty immediately after, but it was only after half-time that he recristered

City boss Chris Hughton threw Holt on for ineffective Tottenham loanee Harry Kane and by the time plan involving two banks of four Anthony Pilkington and Wes Hoolahan joined him, Norwich had fielded eight of the players who played at Liverpool last week. fellow replacements Stuart Fleet-

Holt stretched Tyler with a header and Andrew Surman had the veteran stopper diving low to his right to hold a curling 25 yarder. Tyler had spoken to ex-Norwich

keeper and manager Gunn via the talkSPORT airwaves in the morning. and 4,000 travelling fans who outbefore the half-hour, Tyler was off with his old hero promising him a sang their hosts in a capacity crowd. Brentford used to drive apprentice pair of gloves. The Scot might want a from start to finish. pair of the ex-Peterborough man's For discipline, determination and his praise for Luton's achievement.

"It's a shock, but let's give Luton credit. It's going to be a tough few days for us, but we'll have to take it on the chin"

"It was an unbelievable performance. Into Town have got a fantastic history but these boys and myself want to add to that"

stitutions that proved inspirational, as Luton fully deserved to follow up City did nothing with their posses- victory against Championship sion. Rendell came on for Shaw and struccilers Wolves with another over lofted a lovely ball over the back- a side 85 places above them.

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League was formed, just two places You thought that might be Luton's and three points separated the opportunity gone, but just seconds clubs. Luton went down, but Buckle later, the ex-Peterborough striker's wants to take them back up.

"We have to use this victory wood and [] O'Donnell combined today as a springboard," he said down the left for the latter to cut. "We know if we can get back into back from the byline for Rendell to the Football League, it's not going to prod home his 12th goal of the be too many years before Luton Town are back at these sort of One delirium from the players places on a regular basis."

Hughton, who as a senior pro at Buckle into training, was generous in

"It's a shock, but let's give Luton credit," said Hughton, "It's going to be a tough few days for us and we'll have to take all that on the chin. But I don't want to take anything away from Luton. Congratulations to

> The sentiment will be echoed throughout English football as this famous old this famous old competition, fight on.



SUPER SCOTT:

MANCHESTER UNITED fan Scott Rendell knows who he wants to come out of the hat in his four year spell at Plaintoday's fifth round draw - the Premier League leaders!

Rendell struck his 12th goal of the season five minutes after coming on as a 78th-

The former Cambridge and Peterborough hitman, who was reunited with his old Porquay boss Paul Buckle after signing from Wycombe in the summer, said: "It's unbelievable to score the

winner in a cup tie like this. "It's fantastic to come to a Premier League club like forwich and turn them over "The fans have been brilliant. They never stopped

singing from the moment we got in the stadium Pm so. happy that we put on a performance like that for them "As soon as I malisad the ball had hit the net I've never had a feeling like it. I just

wanted to go and share it with the people who had come all this way to support us." Luton estimate they've

already made around £250,000 from their cup run, with an unexpected £90,000 prize money windfall now on

> Today's last 16 draw could prove even more lucrative and Rendell added: "Any of the big four or five will do. I follow Manchester United a bit, so a trip to Old Trafford

Bookle, who twice last moor, also expressed a desire for another crack at a top-

"We'd probably like to play a Premier League club again," said Buckle. "That's what you want to do because can make some money as

"We've made a right few quid out of this Cup run so far I wasn't expecting to get the win bonus you get from the FF for this today, but we'll certainly take everything we car get from it because it's an

Nine-goal Shaw may have been off the pitch at the final whistle, but he still managed to grab his former Sheffield Wednesday team-mate Gran

Holt's shirt. The 29-year-old added: there was ten seconds to go, so the jumper came off, the shirt was back on and I was out there, trying to find every

"I forgot about Grant, so I had to run back to him to get his shirt.

"I said before this draw it was just about enjoying the occasion, but we've done what no-one expected us to do. Now it would be fantastic to get a plum draw - a Manchester United or Chelsea away - and really go and have a good day of it."