



GIANT KILLER
Scott Rendell scores (below) and then enjoys the moment

TOP TITERS!

Ruthless Rendell is the goal hero as non-League Luton shock red-faced Premier League Canaries



NORWICH 0
at CARROW ROAD

LUTON 1
Rendell 60

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AT CARROW ROAD

LUTON summoned the spirit of past cup glories to record a famous and historic victory against all the odds.

The Hatters were FA Cup finalists and League Cup winners in the days before they hit the slippery slope which took them out of the Football League in 2009.

Currently battling to regain their League status, Luton saved their best for the world's greatest cup competition and thoroughly deserved their place in the fifth round.

In beating Norwich in such dramatic fashion, Town became the first non-League club to defeat Premier League opposition in the FA Cup.

Super sub Scott Rendell's 80th-minute goal also meant they became the first side from outside the Football League to triumph over top-flight opponents for 24

years. Sutton United achieved the feat against Coventry in 1989.

Now Luton's name is up there in lights after a magnificent performance - and a managerial masterstroke.

Two of Paul Buckle's second-half substitutes, Rendell and JTO Donnell, combined for the goal which sparked off wild

and worthy celebrations at the end.

Luton are the cup's sole surviving non-League side.

Their proud boss said: "I have always embraced the club's history and the players have added to that today."

"It was an incredible performance by my players, who certainly weren't overawed by playing Premier League opponents on their own patch. The fans were magnificent too."

Roared on by their 4,000 travelling supporters, Luton made a positive start to the game, enjoying the better of the opening exchanges.

The Blue Square Premier side also showed solidity at the back with Ronnie Henry, Greg Taylor, Janos Kovacs and Lathaniel Rowe-Turner

looking a formidable and more than capable unit.

Norwich had to wait until the 28th minute for their first real chance when Simeon Jackson found some space beyond the Luton back-line.

Norwich-born keeper Mark Tyler parried away Jackson's shot, and when the loose ball fell to Andrew Surman a timely block from skipper Henry kept the scores level.

After a stuttering start the Canaries began to take flight and a goal-bound shot from Harry Kane was diverted wide of the target by Taylor.

Norwich continued to pile on the pressure and when Leon Barnett's header came back off the post, the defender's second effort was cleared off the line by Alex Lawless.

Hughton brought on Grant Holt for Kane at the start of the second half to provide a physical presence and he almost broke the deadlock within 10 minutes of his introduction.

A teasing, pin-point cross from Jackson fell perfectly for Holt who was staggered to see

a powerful header brilliantly saved by the ever-alert Tyler.

The Luton keeper, on Norwich's books as a youth, saved again from Surman moments later, but the response from the Hatters was swift as Ion Shaw fired over from distance.

The visitors went even closer in the 79th minute when Lawless volleyed narrowly wide before the travelling fans raised half the roof in the Jerrold Stand as Rendell struck.

Fellow sub O'Donnell was the instigator and provider of the perfect cross for Rendell to attack at the near post and the former Wycombe and Peterborough man did not disappoint.

Norwich had loud yet optimistic appeals for a penalty turned down in

stoppage time but the Blue Square side hung on to leave Norwich red-faced.

City boss Chris Hughton (left) paid tribute to former Brentford team-mate Buckle and said: "This has come as a big shock, but you have to give credit to Luton."

"Congratulations to them. They came with a game plan and we found it very difficult to break them down."

"This is one of the biggest disappointments of my managerial career."



MATCH STATS
at CARROW ROAD
ATT: 26,521

STORY OF THE GAME

NORWICH	LUTON	
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	2
4	SHOTS OFF TARGET	4
1	GOALS	5
4	CORNERS	3
1	OFFSIDES	0
0	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0
40.8	PASSING SUCCESS	58.4
48.3	POSSESSION	37.7
18	TACKLES	29
44.5	TACKLES SUCCESS	49.3
54.1	TOTAL PASSES	104
27	TOTAL CHANCES	10
11	GOAL KICKS	09
42	RECOVERIES	58
70.5	5TH HALF POSSESS	26.5
47.5	2ND HALF POSSESS	26.5

REFERENCE
ANDREW HARRISON
Allowed the game to flow - kept his cards in his pocket

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▲ MASTERSTROKE:
Luton manager Paul Buckle

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▲ CHANCE: Norwich's Simeon Jackson's shot was saved