

CANARY KILLERS!

	Norwich	0
	Luton	1

by Mel Henderson

SUB Scott Rendell's late clincher sent non-league Luton Town into round five – and the celebrations stretched all the way to the West Indies.

Chairman Nick Owen left on Friday for a two-week Caribbean cruise, where he is delivering motivational speeches on a luxury liner, and would surely have cracked open the bubbly on hearing of his team's heroics.

Boss Paul Buckle, already soaked with champagne from the celebration party that kicked off in the away dressing room, grinned: "I've got 45 texts on my phone. I'm sure at least one of them is from the chairman."

"This means so much to the club. They have had some really bad days

NORWICH v LUTON		
4	Shots on Target	2
6	Shots off Target	4
4	Corners	2
7	Fouls	9
1	Offsides	1
0	Yellow Cards	0
0	Red Cards	0
81.8%	Passing Success	58.6%
68.3%	Possession	31.7%
50.8%	Territory	49.2%

at Luton over the years. I'm thrilled for everybody – the board, the players and especially the fans. We had 4,500 here today and they were a big part of our success."

"When the lads went out and saw our supporters I looked at their faces and could see what it meant to them to have that fantastic backing."

The Luton chief saw journeyman Rendell slide in to prod the ball over the line in the 80th minute and consign Norwich to a humiliating exit at the hands of a team 85 places below them in the English football pyramid.

Buckle said: "I've worked with Scott before – I had him at both my previous clubs, Bristol Rovers and Torquay. The guy's a class act. His goal record at our level is phenomenal and he also does a lot of selfless running."

"He showed what I've known all along – that he doesn't need too many chances to score."

Buckle's braves coped with everything Norwich could throw at them before delivering the KO blow.

All three subs played a part, Stuart Fleetwood launching the move by sending JJ O'Donnell scampering down the left.

O'Donnell got to the line and cut the ball back for Rendell, who slid in



Non-League Luton cruise past Norwich as

to beat the ponderous Ryan Bennett and stab the ball high into the net from four yards.

Buckle said: "I don't think it's quite sunk in yet. It was an incredible performance by my boys."

Embarrassing

"The most pleasing thing for me is that we not only defended really well but created chances as well."

Luton, who sent Wolves packing in round three, stepped up a gear to inflict an embarrassing defeat on the Premier League outfit.

The Hatters banked £250,000 just

reaching round four and added a further £90,000 in prize money for yesterday's victory. Add their share of a Carrow Road full house and the jackpot to come if they earn a plum draw in the next stage and they are laughing all he way to the bank.

Buckle said: "Maybe the directors will find me some cash to spend on new players. I'd dearly love a Premiership club in the next round. This is where we all want to be."

"This win was no fluke. It's not as if we were hanging on for dear life at any stage."

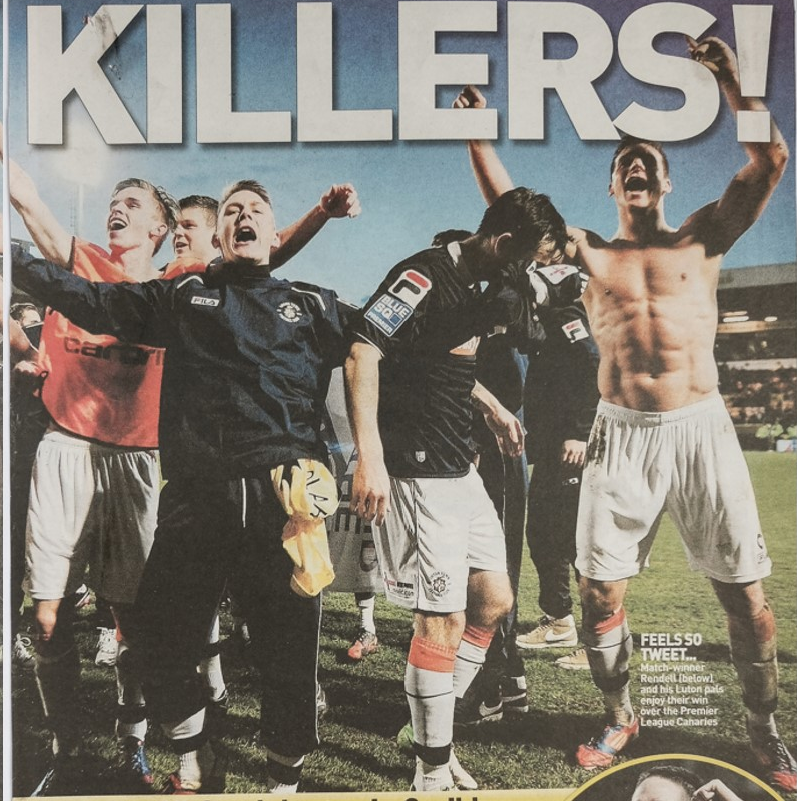
Norwich boss Chris Hughton, a

team-mate of Buckle's at Brentford in the early 90s, said: "It's a big shock but we didn't deserve to lose. We had our chances but didn't take them. As a team we were very poor and it's an awful day for us."

Hughton made seven changes from the side crushed 5-0 at Liverpool seven days earlier, but insisted: "I picked a team that should have been good enough to win."

To be fair to Hughton, his team created enough chances to establish at least a three-goal lead by half time.

But Norwich-born goalkeeper Mark



chairman Nick celebrates in Caribbean

Tyler, released by the Canaries when he was 15, relished his first return to Carrow Road. He brilliantly parried a Simon Jackson drive and when Andrew Sarman pounced on the rebound Ronnie Henry blocked.

Ineffective

On-loan Tottenham striker Harry Kane fluffed a chance and before the interval Leon Barnett should have netted. His header came back off a post and when the ball struck his leg it looked to be going in – until Alex Lawless booted off the line.

Hughton sent on Grant Holt for the

ineffective Kane at half-time and the burly striker made a quick impact.

Barnett pumped the ball forward, Holt nodded down and Elliott Bennett trod his luck with a cute overhead kick that flew straight at Tyler.

Then Tyler produced the best save of the game, hurling himself to his right to push away Holt's header.

In the 79th minute Rendell lifted the ball over the home defence and Lawless, whose goal beat Wolves, volleyed just wide.

But within seconds the visitors struck the killer blow, although they

time. Lathaniel Rowe-Turner seemed to handle in the box but ref Andre Marriner confirmed it was Luton's day as he waved away Norwich's protests.

NORWICH Build 6-4 – MARTIN Z. Barnett 1, R. Bennett 5, Garrido 4 – R. Bennett 6, S. Jackson 1, F. Fox 6, Johnson 5, S. Parkinson 1, T. Smith 6, H. Hughton 5, K. Kane 5 (Holt, 60).

LUTON – TYLER 8, Henry 7, Kovacs 7, Rowe-Turner 8, Taylor 7 – Lawless 7, Smith 6, Mendenhall 6, O'Donnell 6, Morris 7, Howells 7 – Shaw 6 (Hendell, 70), T. Smith 6, Gray 6 (Hughton, 70).

REFEREE: A. Marriner 7.

FEELS 50 TWEET
Match-winner Rendell (below) and his Luton pals enjoy their win over the Premier League Canaries

