

MATCH FACTS

SHOTS ON TARGET 5
 SHOTS OFF TARGET 9
 BLOCKED SHOTS 2
 CORNERS 15
 FOULS 12
 OFFSIDES 4
 PASSES 316
 POSSESSION 48%

Referee: L Probert 7
 Attendance: 9,768

HOW THEY LINED UP

STAR MAN

JAMES HENRY

GOALS 10
 ACCURACY 60%
 PASSES 4
 GOALS ASSISTED 1
 GOALS 1

SHOTS & GOALS

MOVE OF THE MATCH

ACTION AREAS

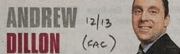
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IT'S ALL FOLKS

LUTON GLORY

DREAM'S LEFT

LION N RUINS



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VERDICT LUTON'S Cup dream ended prematurely when Millwall cashed in on an early mistake but the Lions deserved to win.

MILLWALL knocked out Luton again — though thankfully only on the pitch.

It has been 28 years since a fateful Cup tie between these teams disintegrated into a riot, but the 21st Century rematch showed the Lions in a far more favourable light. James Henry's superb display helped put his team into the quarter-finals for the first time since 2004, when they went all the way to the final. The former England Under-21 winger scored one goal and set up a stunning second to ease Kenny Jackett's side through one of the trickiest ties left in the draw. Having overcome Premier League Norwich in the last round and Wolves prior to that, the Hatters' fair-tale ride came to an abrupt end with a sobering reality check. The non-Leaguers are £220,000 better off from this televised tie alone and that will be consolation for boss Paul Buckle as his Blue Square Premier side chase promotion back to the Football League.

Inspired

Their name has also resurfaced after four years in the wilderness during their washabuckling run. But had they taken their many chances more efficiently and had Lions keeper David Forde not been in such inspired form, they could well have been in the hat for the draw for the last eight. The difference was Henry. His goal after 12 minutes stuck a huge pin in Luton's balloon and it was hard for them to try to claw their way back against a team two divisions higher. The spiky atmosphere kept the adrenalin pumping and there will never be any love lost between the two sets of supporters, with memories of 1985 burning deep in the minds of the minority who traded insults from behind the safety curtain of hundreds of



WORTH IT... James Henry (right) hits the opener



N'D OF THE ROAD... N'Gueusan adds the third



FIERY... Luton's Henry (left) and Dunne square up

police. But by half-time it was game over and Luton had only themselves and Forde to blame. Henry put Millwall ahead from a mix-up in the Town defence. Hungarian Janos Kovacs tripped over his own feet trying to deal with the visiting keeper's punt. Henry picked up the ball and rounded Mark Tyler before squeezing the ball into the net from a tight angle. Five minutes later Forde made the first of several fine saves. A cross from Scott Rendell on the left found Arnaud Mendy waiting 15 yards out. He let rip with a fierce volley but Forde reacted to punch the ball clear. It was a near miss for which Luton paid a heavy price. Ten minutes later Henry wriggled

free down the left and crossed to the far post. Striker Rob Hulse misdirected his header under pressure from defender Greg Taylor but recovered superbly to volley an overhead kick into the far corner to make it 2-0. It was his first goal since signing from QPR on loan. **Poor** That was job done as far as the game was concerned. Luton pined on the pressure in the second half but were too far back to ever stand a chance of claiming a third successive big-name signing. Boss Buckle said: "The lads are frustrated because we gave away poor goals. We never gave ourselves a chance. If we'd been



HENRY THE FIRST... James Henry celebrates

STATS A FACT JAMES HENRY scored in consecutive games for Millwall for first time since January 2011 — he went 12 games without a goal before last weekend.



HULSE THAT... Lions striker Hulse fires in a cracker

LUTON and Millwall fans have a bad history. Bedfordshire cops made sure they would not be caught on the hop again like they were in 1985 when a riot erupted during an FA Cup tie. Hundreds of riot police with snarling dogs surrounded the pitch after the final whistle to ensure no one could run on and start a punch-up. Police reported a total of seven arrests with one fan kicked out of Kenilworth Road. Before kick-off three Luton supporters and, bizarrely, two West Ham supporters were nicked for scuffling. A full

FANS WATCH

plastic coke bottle thrown from the Luton and landed on the pitch (right) and a small object was hurled at Millwall winger James Henry when he took a corner in the second half. The atmosphere at times during the game was edgy. Abusive taunts flow back and forth across the terraces between the two sets of supporters. But Millwall boss

Kenny Jackett said: "I didn't hear it. You can hear chants of a significant nature at football grounds right around the country if you want to now. "You need to take a broad look and see how football is week in, week out. "To my knowledge, the coke bottle didn't hurt anyone." But the FA could decide to take a further look at the incidents and dish out some punishments. **ANDREW DILLON**

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