



KIDDERMINSTER 0 LUTON 2

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Jake's spot on twice

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TAKE TWO: Jake Howells fires home his second penalty



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STEVE BURR saw his Kidderminster Harriers beaten by a former England C international's penalty double – and then hit back at rival manager Richard Money's questioning of his involvement with Non-League's Three Lions.

Cambridge United boss Money commented in midweek that he isn't happy England C assistant-manager Burr has access to his players on international duty.

The U's have three call-ups, Luke Berry, Harrison Dunk and Ryan Donaldson, in the squad set to jet out to Latvia next Sunday for a friendly.

Money is also unhappy with England chief Paul Fairclough – director of football, although not hands on, at Skryll Premier rivals Barnet – being in charge and called for change.

So it was perhaps ironic that the two penalties were scored by someone Burr knows all about from the C team.

Although now a Wales Under-21 international, Jake Howells did the damage.

Howells, who won his first of four England C caps in Poland in 2009 when Money was in charge at Luton, twice kept his cool to fire the Hatters to three points.

In another twist the penalties were won by two other players Burr has worked with, Paul Benson and Andre Gray, at England C level.



SOMETHING TO
SHOUT ABOUT:
Jake Howells
after scoring the
opening goal

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"I was disappointed to read that," Burr said. "I respect the position I'm in and I'm honoured to be in that position."

"When I go away with the England side it's to do the best for the country. He really needs to focus on his own club and comment about his own club."

"If the FA ever felt at any time I was getting an unfair advantage on other clubs then I'd have no problem with that."

"I enjoy working alongside Paul, we've had great success over the years, so it disappoints me. Maybe because he's doing well at Cambridge he feels he needs to shout out about one or two things. But I didn't hear this when he was at Luton."

Howells' match-winning strikes came in the second-half and it was difficult to argue Luton's overall play didn't deserve it.

Mark Tyler had made a flying save from Kidderminster's Joe Lolley in the first-half but the Hatters, with the influence of the outstanding Luke Guttridge, were always on top.

And they'd had chances to take the lead with Howells unable to

convert three good chances before the goals, their first in three games, finally arrived.

Luton's first penalty came from a mix-up between Chey Dunkley and keeper Danny Lewis.

Trying to snuff out a through ball, Dunkley's touch wrong-footed Lewis. Benson seized on the opening and referee Kevin Johnson adjudged the new loan signing was hauled down by the stopper. Howells stepped up and fired low into the bottom corner.

Ten minutes later it was two when the assistant referee flagged for a foul in the box on Gray by Josh Gowling as the defender shepherded the ball out of play.

Lewis got something on Howells' second spot-kick but couldn't keep it out.

Still, whose side came into the

MATCH STATS

K'MINSTER v LUTON

2	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
2	SHOTS OFF TARGET	5
5	CORNERS	4
2	OFFSIDE	1
10	FOULS CONCEDED	13
1	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

STAR MAN: Luke Guttridge (Luton)

ATT: 2,866

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REF RATING: Kevin Johnson 6/10

KIDDERMINSTER: (4-2-1-3): Lewis 6; L. Vaughan 7, Gowling 6, Dunkley 6, Demetriou 7; Storer 6 (Byrne 71, 6), Fowler 7; Griffiths 6; Lolley 7 (Malbon 71, 5), Gash 6, Johnson 6 (Jackman 81, 5). Subs not used: N. Vaughan, Blissett.

LUTON: (4-2-1-3): Tyler 7; Henry 8, McNulty 8, Lacey 7, Griffiths 7 (Martin 90); Parry 8, Smith 7; Guttridge 8; Gray 7, Benson 7 (Wall 90), Howells 8. Subs not used: Cullen, Justham, Whalley.

weekend on the back of 0-0 draws with Forest Green and Cambridge, said: "We played really well as we have in the last three games. When we drew in the last minute against Macclesfield we weren't the worst team in the league."

"Now we've played three really tough games and got a good win today, we aren't the best team in the league."

"All we're doing is making steps.

It's really important I get the foundations right. Today we've done very well and it's well deserved."

Burr, who had no argument with either penalty, added: "We just couldn't get any fluency. Our passing wasn't good and, for me, too many of our players underperformed."