



# LINCOLN CITY 0 LUTON TOWN 0

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**DANGERMAN:** Lincoln's Delano Sam-Yorke skips past Luton pair Scott Griffiths and Joe Davis

PICTURES: Andrew Vaughan

## MATCH STATS

### LINCOLN v LUTON

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|---|------------------|----|
| 1 | SHOTS ON TARGET  | 5  |
| 8 | SHOTS OFF TARGET | 7  |
| 2 | CORNERS          | 6  |
| 0 | OFFSIDE          | 0  |
| 5 | FOULS CONCEDED   | 10 |
| 1 | YELLOW CARDS     | 3  |
| 0 | RED CARDS        | 0  |

**STAR MAN:** Delano Sam-Yorke (Lincoln)

ATT: 2,928

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REF RATING: Ross Joyce 7/10

**LINCOLN CITY:** (4-2-3-1): Farman 6, Miller 7, Foster 7, Brown 6, Newton 7, Jordan 6, Fofana 6, Nolan 6 (Gray 90, 5), Austin 5 (Wright 73, 5), Robinson 6, Sam-Yorke 8. **Subs not used:** Fairhurst, Rowe, Preece.

**LUTON TOWN:** (4-2-3-1): Tyler 6, Henry 7, McNulty 7, Davis 6, Griffiths 7, Lawless 7, Robinson 6, Guttridge 7 (Ferdinand 50, 6), Howells 7, Gray 6, Benson 7. **Subs not used:** Wall, Cullen, Justham, Mawson.

# JOHN'S STILL A HAPPY MAN

By Alan Johnson

**JOHN STILL** was a satisfied man following Luton's battling performance that put his Hatters five points clear at the top.

The pitch played its part in a scrappy lunch time encounter, in which neither side could muster a clear goal scoring opportunity.

But the Luton boss was more than pleased with a point.

"We've had a fantastic festive period and today I was delighted with the lads' work rate and commitment in these conditions," Still said.

"I expected a tight game and Lincoln to launch the ball forward, and we dealt with that well. I thought we managed to play the ball to feet well, considering the heavy pitch. The players showed good attitude.

"Lincoln got a decent result away at Grimsby on Wednesday, which would have given them confidence going into today.

"You can win games 5-0 or 6-0 but sometimes it's the 0-0 draws at places

like Lincoln that win you the league."

The hosts failed to register a shot on target in the first half, with the majority of play taking place in midfield with both sides cancelling each other out.

Luton's chances were limited with Imps goalkeeper Paul Farman comfortably able to deny attempts from Scott Griffiths and Luke Guttridge, whilst Nat Brown came closest for Lincoln arriving to head Sean Newton's floated corner just wide.

The only real talking point in the opening period came in the 17th minute when Lincoln's Luke Foster was booked for a poor challenge on Paul Benson on the edge of the area, but Guttridge couldn't guide the resulting free kick over the wall.

Guttridge, who had impressed, limped off early in the second half and was replaced by Kane Ferdinand, who was making his debut having joined on loan from Peterborough 24 hours earlier, but he failed to breathe life into the match.

The visitors picked up three bookings in reasonably quick succession as Lincoln tried to create chances, which saw the lively Delano Sam-Yorke fire just over from the edge of the area, Conner Robinson go close with a lob and Mark Tyler deny Brown's close range header.

Luton too created more openings with Andre Gray being denied by Foster's block when almost through on goal, and later shooting wide.

The tireless Benson had arguably the best chance of the game, but Farman got down well to save his effort at the near post.

Lincoln manager Gary Simpson felt it would have been unjust had his team lost the game.

"I thought we were well worth a point," he said.

"I was pleased with the two new lads (loan signings Mitch Austin and Delano Sam-Yorke from Cambridge United), particularly Sam-Yorke, who offered us something different up front.

"Both had an impact on the game, and on the rest of the lads, because it will make the others want to fight for a place."



**AERIAL BATTLE:** Lincoln's Nat Brown clashes heads with Luton's Joe Davis