

Luton win sets us up well – Money

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RICHARD Money believes Cambridge United's 1-0 win at Luton in the FA Trophy last night will have served as a great warm-up for Saturday's trip to Halifax.

Ashley Chambers bagged the only goal to send United through to a quarter-final at Eastleigh on February 1.

But while Money was delighted United progressed, he felt the players having another 90 minutes under their belts following a recent two-week break will prove useful for their return to Skrill Premier action.

He said: "I suppose if I'm honest we needed the two 90 minutes to get us up to speed again.

"It's always difficult when you've got a game and it gets called off because all the preparation is done and you can't work too much in those periods.

"People get on a high and then on a low very quickly so not to play for two weeks I thought we were very fresh on Saturday.

"But the 90 minutes last night will have done us more good because you have to go through that type of pain and energy level to put yourself back into a good shape.

"Hopefully we'll be in a good place come the weekend when the league programme restarts."

Money felt United were inconsistent at times last night, but felt the Hatters gave them a tough test.

He said: "I thought they were excellent. In terms of teamsheets you've got to say John (Still, Luton boss) will be very pleased with what his team gave them and they pushed us all the way.

"But it was a tough night and a very heavy pitch, so we've only got a small group to pick from at the minute.

"A lot of them played Saturday and Tuesday, so it was tough but we've won, we've gone through.

"We're pleased to have gone through and we'll just see where it takes

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ON THE DEFENSIVE: Cambridge United players defend a corner in last night's FA Trophy, third round replay against Luton
Picture: Gareth Owen

us." Money also praised John Sullivan after keeping his first clean sheet for United since arriving from Portsmouth.

He said: "I was really pleased for the goalkeeper because we all know we've put ourselves under a bit of pressure to make the decision

we did, but I wouldn't have made the decision if I didn't think we were bringing in a very good goalkeeper and we have and I think he'll get better.

"With him it's a little bit like pre-season in that he's finding his feet and not had a lot of games."

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