



GOAL TWINS: Donaldson and Simpson

Hatters fall flat to leave U's in Money

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Cambridge **21** Luton

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JOHN STILL could not have been prouder of his players – but he was left ruing the absence of a little bit of FA Cup 'sparkle'.

Richard Money's Cambridge squeezed through to round four thanks to goals from Robbie Simpson and Ryan Donaldson.

The visitors gave themselves a lifeline with a Michael Harriman strike 16 minutes from time but could not find the equaliser.

Luton boss Still said: "I am very proud of that performance, and I thought we were good all over the pitch even when we went 2-0 down. All of my players can look themselves in the mirror and say 'I did as much as I could'. We just needed that bit of magic, a little sparkle at the end."

These two sides are no strangers to each other, having met so many times in their recent non-league battles.

The first chance of the game fell to Cambridge as keeper Mark Tyler saved comfortably from Tom Elliott.

Menace

Luton responded well and Jonathan Smith was unfortunate to see his shot hit the woodwork.

Keeper Chris Dunn saved from Mark Cullen moments later as the Hatters continued to push forward with menace.

Dunn also did well to deny Harriman before the U's took the lead in a madcap moment when Tyler went from villain to hero and back again.

The Luton keeper brought down Donaldson in the box and then saved Simpson's penalty, only to see the Cambridge striker slam home the rebound.

Jim Stevenson wasted a golden opportunity for the visitors and another Luton chance went begging just after the break when Andy Drury fired over.

Cambridge wide man Donaldson, having just ruffled the side netting, made no mistake with his next attempt which he converted with a flourish.

Luton gave themselves hope after 74 minutes when Harriman headed home from close range.

But Cambridge survived a late onslaught, and Money admitted: "It's often the case when we play each other that the better team doesn't always win."

CAMBRIDGE: Dunn 7 – Tait 6, Taylor 6, Coulson 6, *NELSON 7 – Chadwick 7 (Kaikai, 89mins), Champion 6, Hughes 6, Donaldson 7 (Dunk, 79mins) – Elliott 6 (Bird, 84mins), Simpson 6.

LUTON: Tyler 6 – *HARRIMAN 7, Howells 6, Franks 6, Wilkinson 6 – Smith 6, Drury 7, Stevenson 6, Connolly 6 (Ruddock, 59mins, 4) – Cullen 6 (Lafayette, 59mins, 4), Miller 6 (Walker, 65mins, 4).

REFEREE: T Harrington 6.