

Money praise for his U's fall-guys



LUTON **3**

CAMBRIDGE **2**

By **ANDY HUNTER** 14/15
at Kenilworth Road

RICHARD MONEY took the positives from his side's second-half performance as they almost snatched an unlikely draw.

The U's chief saw his side trailing 3-0 at half-time as goals from Andy Drury, Luke Wilkinson and Jonathan Smith (above) put the Hatters firmly in control.

Second-half strikes from Johnny Hunt and Robbie Simpson offered Cambridge hope, but they just fell short.

"I said to them, sometimes you grow as a team in adversity," said Money.

"The second-half performance will enable us to grow in the future, because you need to see what you're like when you're under that pressure and trying to come back from that scoreline against one of the best in the league.

"For 65 minutes we were

excellent, but the game was lost in that 25-minute period where we conceded a goal out of nothing, having hit the bar, and missed two good chances to go in front.

"Then you concede a second goal from a corner, which is poor and not like us, but in those moments you have to regroup quickly and stay in the game, but we conceded a third, too."

Luton's first-team coach Hakan Hayrettin said: "In the first half we were outstanding, pressed really high and 3-0 was a great half-time score for us.

"But we emphasised the need to carry on what we were doing, so fair play to them. They threw caution to the wind and gave it a go.

"They had nothing to lose, but the pleasing thing for us was that we worked hard to the 90th minute and got the result.

"They are three fantastic points, too, as whenever we play Cambridge it's always a close encounter. But we won, stood firm and got the points."

MATCH STATS opta

	LUT	CAM
Possession	59%	41%
Shots On Target	5	4
Shots Off Target	3	5
Blocked Shots	0	0
Corners	4	7
Fouls Conceded	9	5
Offsides	0	0
Yellow Cards	2	1
Red Cards	0	0

LUTON: Tyler, Harriman, McNulty, Wilkinson (Franks 42), Griffiths (Cullen 74), Whalley (Lawless 70), Smith, Drury, Doyle, Howells, Stockley. **Subs not used:** Wall, Justham, Guttridge, Robinson

CAMBRIDGE UTD: Dunn, Tait, Nelson, Coulson, Taylor, Donaldson (Chadwick 73), Champion, McGeehan, Ball (Simpson 46), KaiKai (Hunt 46), Elliott. **Subs not used:** Miller, Norris, Akintunde, Chiedozie

REFEREE: Jeremy Simpson