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Manchester City v Luton Town



League Cup 3rd Round

Second Replay

10p.

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A Welcome by the Chairman



LOUIS C. EDWARDS,
Chairman, M.U.F.C.

We are delighted to be playing hosts to our neighbours Manchester City and Luton Town for the second replay in their third round League Cup tie this evening.

We are proud of our stadium and like to see it used as much as possible. We also like to feel that we have good relations with our colleagues at Maine Road and it is always a pleasure to meet them in this kind of circumstance.

It is gratifying as well to find that Luton were agreeable to make another journey to Manchester and that Old Trafford offered them a suitable venue.

I'm told that the two clubs have fought very hard and skilfully in their previous games with the issue always in the balance.

City are enjoying a successful season in the First Division of course, and if we cannot have our own Manchester United up at the top then we are always pleased to see City carrying the flag for Manchester.

Luton seem to have a very good chance of joining us soon in the First Division. They are going strongly for promotion this season and have built a very promising team.

Tonight in the League Cup they have the incentive of trying to set a club record by reaching the fourth round of this competition. City are no strangers to success in the League Cup, winning it only two seasons ago.

For the time being though we offer a very warm welcome to both clubs and we are confident we shall see a match full of good football as well as the traditional thrills and spills of a Cup game.



Our Visitors

By DAVID MEEK *Manchester Evening News*

Manchester City and Luton Town, two teams challenging for championship honours, will make their third attempt to settle their League Cup clash at Old Trafford tonight.

A 1-1 draw at Kennilworth Road followed by a rather disappointing goalless replay at Maine Road sees two teams looking for inspiration and the chance to play Ipswich Town in the fourth round at Portman Road.

As one of the leading teams in the First Division, City appear to be making heavy weather of their opponents from Division Two. But the Blues have been through this kind of situation before—and it hasn't stopped them winning through to Wembley.

A HAPPY CHOICE

For instance in 1974 it took City three games to beat lowly Walsall before reaching a final against Wolves. Incidentally the second replay was also staged at Old Trafford to prove a happy choice from City's point of view with a 4-0 victory.

In 1976, again in an early round it took another three games before City could knock Norwich City out of the competition. They did it handsomely enough in the third match winning 6-1 at Stamford Bridge and then they sailed merrily on to win the Cup by beating Newcastle United at Wembley.

So a couple of replays in an early round don't worry City whose manager Tony Book says hopefully: "Perhaps it's an omen and we can go all the way to Wembley again."

Even the keenest City fan would probably admit, however, that their team will have to play a great deal better than they did in the last game with Luton at Maine Road if they are to deserve another run to the final.

SURRENDERED RECORD

City were reasonably pleased to force a draw at Kennilworth Road. They had just surrendered a 13-month unbeaten home record to Wolves

three days earlier to pose a question mark about their form.

Their fears looked justified in face of good football by Luton, long spells under pressure and then a 50th minute goal by centre forward Ron Fletcher.

Peter Barnes saved the day just three minutes later with an equaliser from a cross by Kenny Clements. Tommy Booth completed a narrow escape when he headed a late header off the line from Ricky Hill. City's main satisfaction was to feel they had got their poor performance against Wolves out of their system with a gritty display.

It was easy to understand how Luton had come close to dispatching their First Division opponents when one noted their football in the Maine Road replay.

Luton are going well in the Second Division this season and look good promotion material. They knock the ball about well and do it with the kind of flourish that gave City a lot of problems.

A READY RESPONSE

Skipper Alan West who comes from the Manchester area at Hyde and started his football with Burnley, is a hard-working midfielder player of great influence. He finds a ready response to his creative football from inside forwards Ricky Hill and Pasquale Fuccillo.

Hill, a Londoner with Jamaican parents has retained the skill you would associate with a player capped by the England youth team. Fuccillo another player of immigrant stock is a product of the Italian population who settled in the Bedford area after the war.

He plays with Italian style and for long spells at Maine Road the Luton creative play in midfield had some of City's more distinguished internationals looking slightly out of it.

Luton had the best chance to win the match when Gary Heale found himself a couple of yards away from an open goal with the ball at his feet just a few seconds from the end of normal time.

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SHARE OF CHANCES

Unaccountably he missed and the game went into extra time. City also created their share of chances, but Paul Futcher lived up to his reputation as an England Under-21 player to play a major role in keeping the Luton defence intact.

Milija Aleksic, a goalkeeper born of Yugoslav parents who started his career with Stafford Rangers and played for Port Vale and Plymouth before joining Luton was also a key man in seeing the Hatters through to tonight's third meeting.

The man of the match for me though was Peter Barnes the Young England winger who may well look back on the Cup tie with Luton as a major milestone in his career.

England manager Ron Greenwood was at the match and must have noted the magic touches of Barnes and his obvious readiness for the full England squad.

IN FINE FORM

The conditions with a sodden pitch and rain still falling, had many of his colleagues disasterously astray with their passing; but Barnes retained the fine form he has shown this season to put himself in line for a full international call-up.

City have a good track record at Old Trafford, but if Luton can produce the quality football they displayed at Maine Road, the issue this evening must still be wide open.

Harry Haslam, the Luton manager, should certainly feel at home here at Old Trafford. When he was a boy he lived near the City ground, but as a young footballer he joined Manchester United.

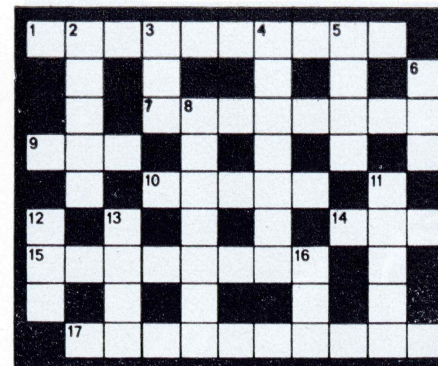
He says promotion is Luton's main ambition, but he isn't exactly against a good run in the League Cup. "It sets the air tingling," is how he puts it.



MANCHESTER CITY 0, LUTON TOWN 0.

Manchester City's Brian Kidd holds his head in despair as Joe Royle misses an easy chance in the League Cup replay at Maine Road.

Photo courtesy of "Manchester Evening News."



CLUES—Across

1. He refereed the last F.A. Cup final (10)
7. Forward who made two expensive moves (one 'away' and one 'home') in 1976 (8)
9. Matt Busby wrote a book called "Soccer At The ———" (3)
10. Ajax marksman who shared last season's Bronze Boot with Dieter Muller (5)
14. Wimbledon 'keeper (3)
15. Acrobatic kind of kick (8)
17. Daily Mail soccer-writer (5,5)

Soccer Ninety-Niner

compiled by David Peck

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CLUES—Down

2. See 6dn
3. Cassidy or Craig (3)
4. Old Tranmere, Bolton, Liverpool and England right-half (7)
5. French football magazine with an appropriate number as title (4)
6. & 2dn. Former English referee now in charge of F.I.F.A. referees (3,5)
8. Promotion-winners' last season (7)
11. Former Bury skipper who became player-manager of Swiss side La Chaux de Fonds last year (5)
12. Nick Deacy (——— Eindhoven & Wales) (1,1,1)
13. Famous West Ham scout who retired a few months ago: Wally St ——— (4)
16. Glasgow-based governing body (1,1,1)



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Goalkeeper Milda Aleksic makes a flying save from Mike Channon watched by other City players.

Photo courtesy of "Manchester Evening News."



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Tommy Booth (left), misses out in a goalmouth scramble.

Photo courtesy of "Daily Express."

Tonights Officials

REFEREE K. H. BURNS (Stourbridge)

LINESMEN C. MOFFET (Preston)
Red Flag

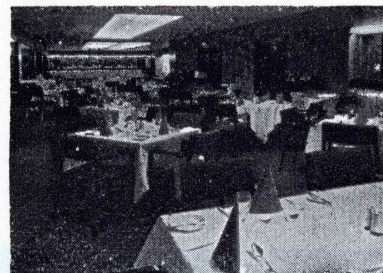
R. F. T. LOMAS (Warrington)
Yellow Flag

SOLUTIONS—Down
2. See gdn.
3. Tom
4. Wheeler
5. Onze
6. B. Zdn. Ken Aston
8. Chelsea
11. Hulme
12. PSV
13. Pier
16. SFA

SOLUTIONS—Across
1. Mathewson
7. McKenzie (Everton)
9. Top
10. Geels
14. Guy
15. Scissors
17. Brian James

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1 CORRIGAN

2 CLEMENTS

3 DONACHIE

4 DOYLE

5 WATSON

6 OWEN

7 BARNES

8 CHANNON

9 ROYLE

10 KIDD

11 POWER

S TUEART

Team Check

Luton Town Squad

1 ALEKSIC

2 PRICE

3 BUCKLEY

4 WEST

5 FAULKNER

6 FUTCHER P.

7 HUSBAND

8 HILL

9 FUTCHER R.

10 FUCCILLO

11 BOERSMA

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