

John Bosco are denied by United

Lucan United 5
St John Bosco 3
JOHN FALLON

FOR the first 20 minutes of this Amstel Cup Second Round tie, an upset looked on the cards at Doddsborough on Sunday morning.

St John Bosco, from Division 1, countered the sweeping opening of Premier C2's Lucan United to take a 2-0 lead within the first 12 minutes.

Looking a far superior outfit in both style and fitness, the hosts' blazing beginning looked certain to yield a score immediately.

Yet it was the Saints who drew first blood on five minutes, Jason Martin took advantage of Lucan's fragile off-side trap to fire home with the defence still disputing his legality.

Lucan's shaky start continued when Mark Jenkinson made it 2-0 seven minutes later from a similar situation.

Rivals

Undeterred by a potential early cup exit, Lucan stuck to their regime of controlled passing and movement to begin their fightback.

That they did after 30 minutes — midfielder Derek Downes had his angled shot stopped by keeper Peter Marfield but his parry enabled the alert Trevor Callaghan to shoot home from close range.

The hosts continued to press their rivals with Bosco's encamped in their own half for the remainder of the first period.

Their persistence paid off after a half an hour when their equaliser arrived through the trusty right foot of John May.

Lucan's Alan Kavanagh then grabbed his first of two in as many minutes to give his side a deserved lead midway through the second half.

Kavanagh put the cup tie out of Bosco's reach a minute later when he timed his run to perfection in anticipation of Dave Doran's inswinging free from the left to glance his header into the back of the net.

Lucan's purple patch of a magnificent seven minutes culminated in winger John May powerfully heading home Trevor Callaghan's weighted cross to make it 5-2.

A minute later, the Saints brought substitute Pat Collins into the fray and he provided the best goal of the game with a delightful left-foot curling shot from 30 yards.

Lucan Ltd: R Rowlin, D Ryan, D Doran, T Curley, M Ralph, K O'Toole, T Callaghan, D O'Brien, J Kavanagh, D Downes, J May.

St John Bosco: P Marfield, J Butler, I Freeman, J Martyn, J McDonnell, C Martin, M Jenkinson, J Martyn, P Cassaney, B Woods, G Martin. Subs: P Kinella for Jenkinson (72 mins); P Collins for McDonnell (74 mins).

Star Man: Trevor Callaghan (Lucan United)



LUCAN UNITED: Advanced to the next round after five-goal blast



ST JOHN BOSCO: Stormed to a 2-0 lead before folding under pressure



STUCK IN: John May of Lucan and St John Bosco's Stephen Woods

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OSCAR TRAYNOR SQUAD

OSCAR Traynor squad training this Thursday, 18 Oct. 7-8pm. The following are asked to assemble at 5.30 with gear: Joe Mooney, Craig Bolton, Danny Croft, Declan Roche (Portmarnock), Liam Irvine, John Hand, Derek Keegan (Tolka), Philip Long, Dave Keating (St Kevin's), Stuart Graham, Paul Fitzmaurice (Aher Cell), Martin Clancy (Edenmore), Carl Wilson (Markiewicz Cell), Keith Breen (Columban), Mick Doran (Kinvara), Gary McCormack (Ballymun Utd).

Stand-by: Robbie O'Reilly, Anto Wilkins, Jimmy Ruane, Willie Higgins, Declan Dolan, Christy Ellis, Austin Hannon.

Please note the stand-by players are asked to train. Any problems contact Tony Kelly (8322039).