

# Luton slip after early goal

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LUTON survived a late spell of Carlisle pressure to take a point from this entertaining but often too-tense game

Clearly, both sides needed someone to steady them. They produced some fast, exciting football, but lacked the final thrust.

Luton shot their bolt after only 30 seconds. That was when O'Rourke, back to something like his best form, put them into a surprise lead.

In the third minute Large had the ball in the Luton net, but was ruled offside. This was a hint of the Carlisle danger to come.

At times, Large and McIlmoyle had the Luton defenders harassed, though goalkeeper Baynham was in confident form.

## Misses

Luton, in their attacks, were too often caught offside, but they did force their former keeper Ross to make some fine saves.

Just on half-time, O'Rourke headed against the bar and, after the interval, McKechnie missed two simple scoring chances.

Just when it seemed that Carlisle would never find a way past Baynham, Large equalised with a well-placed header in the 67th minute.

Luton hit back hard and saw an Evans shot cleared on the line, but they themselves had narrower escapes in the final stages.

**FAIR PLAY: Luton 80%, Carlisle 80%.**

Luton: Baynham; McBain, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Knights; Pleat, McKechnie, O'Rourke, Reid, Whittaker.

Carlisle: Ross; Neil, Caldwell; McConnell, Passmore, Harland; Brayton, Evans, McIlmoyle, Large, Johnstone.