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A 58th minute goal by Ian Wallace put Nottingham Forest firmly in control at the City Ground this afternoon.

Wallace's goal was nothing more than Forest deserved and they could consider themselves unfortunate not to have held a more convincing lead.

The Town's chances were few and far between although Brian Stein forced Hans van Breukelen to make a superb save from the striker's shot in the 77th minute.

Probably the biggest disappointment for manager David Pleat was Luton's inability to get their strike force of Stein and Paul Walsh into top gear.

Luton were let off lightly mainly through Forest's failure to make the most of the many chances they created particularly in the second half.

In the first period Ian Bowyer's shot was blocked by Wayne Turner and Les Sealey produced a diving save from Steve Hodge.

Stein's second half effort was the only one of note from a Luton side who, although defending well, never really got to grips with the opposition. Attendance: 16,296.