

Muggleton unable to save Stoke

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CARL MUGGLETON saved his fourth penalty in five attempts this season, but he still could not prevent Luton Town from claiming their third away win of a season in which they have yet to win at home.

When John Dreyer handled in the 25th minute, having made the mistake, three minutes earlier, which allowed Luton to score, it seemed David Pleat's team would increase their lead from the penalty spot. But Muggleton reacted brilliantly to save the kick from David Preece.

The Stoke defence could not cope with the pace and touch of Dwight Marshall, and Dreyer's miserable afternoon was completed when he was dismissed in the 55th minute for repeatedly fouling the striker.

Marshall had taken the opening goal brilliantly despite being twice knocked off balance.

Jürgen Sommer, in the Luton goal, impressed aside from his one mistake in dropping a long centre by Nigel Gleghorn. Although he half-stopped Lee Sandford's 80th minute shot, he could do nothing to stop Carruthers following up to equalise from close range; but within two minutes Luton were ahead again when Marshall effected a dummy to leave Preece with a simple winner.

Stoke City: Muggleton; Wallace (Beckford 52), Cranson, Dreyer, Sandford; Butler, Orlygsson, Gleghorn; Peschisolido (Overson 56), Carruthers. **Sub:** Sinclair (g). **Goal:** Carruthers (80). **Sent off:** Dreyer.

Luton Town: Sommer; James, Peake, Johnson, Thomas; Telfer, Hughes, Waddock, Preece (Oakes 83); Hartson, Marshall. **Subs:** Williams, Barber (g). **Goals:** Marshall (22), Preece (82). **Booked:** Waddock, Thomas.

Referee: T Heilbron (Co Durham).