

Kyle's late winner

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STOKE CITY	2
LUTON TOWN	1

A LATE goal by substitute Kyle Lightbourne secured Stoke's first home league win since October 23 and finally sank 10-man Luton.

The visitors had the better of a dismal opening spell as Phil Gray and Adam Locke both fired wide.

But the contest livened up after Stoke took the lead in the 24th minute when Paul Connor wrestled clear of Marvin Johnson to score from 10 yards.

Luton missed a chance to hit back quickly when Alan White lobbed the ball wide from Gavin Ward's punch.

Connor had another shot blocked after good work by James O'Connor as the tempo increased as half-time approached, Graham Kavanagh's fiercely-struck free-kick bringing a fine save from Nathan Abbey.

Luton were really up against it when wing-back Matt Taylor was sent off in the 44th minute after a clash with Mickael Hansson.

Stoke began the second half with more vigour but Luton stood firm and equalised through a disputed penalty in the 59th minute, scored by Matthew Spring, after Phil Gray had tumbled in a tussle with Hansson.

Pressure on the Luton goal began to build and Lightbourne sealed it three minutes from time with a near-post header from Kavanagh's long throw.

Stoke: Ward, Hansson, Mohan, Jacobsen, Kippe, Clarke, Kavanagh, Petty, O'Connor, Connor, Thorne. Subs: Gunnarsson, Gislason, Lightbourne, Fraser, Danielsson.

Luton: Abbey, Boyce, Doherty, Watts, Johnson, Taylor, Spring, White, Locke, Douglas, Gray. Subs: George, Fotiadis, Scarlett, Fraser, Tate.

Referee: C Foy (St. Helens).