

Littlejohn's great strike seals win

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ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN scored the only goal of this mid-table battle to boost Bury's hopes of a late surge for the play-offs.

It was Littlejohn's seventh goal of the season and Bury's first home win in four matches.

Bury had the better of the first half with only Luton's Stuart Douglas really troubling them. Town's top scorer Liam George, with 15 goals this season, was relegated to the bench.

The home side almost had a dream start when visiting defender Gary Doherty headed just over his own crossbar in the first minute.

Bury winger Lutel James, making his own home come-back after a broken leg, looked lively and twice came close only to be denied by Town keeper Nathan Abbey.

The home side appealed for a goal on 17 minutes when Abbey appeared to drop Ian Lawson's shot over the line, but the referee waved play on.

Lawson, Bury's top scorer with 12 goals this season, also squandered two good opportunities.

Luton's chances were limited but Douglas should certainly have done better when he went clean through on goal after just nine minutes.

Bury's winning goal came in the 61st minute. Littlejohn made the goal out of nothing, catching Abbey out of position as he took the ball across the penalty area and curled it low into the left-hand corner of the net.