Robins bobs up to spare Millers

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ROTHERHAM came from behind with a goal from Mark Robins to snatch their first home point of the season.

Millers' manager Ronnie Moore gave his players something of a roasting at half-time for giving away a sloppy goal after only six minutes, but Rotherham captain Kevin Watson claimed afterwards: "In the second half there was only going to be one winner.

"The first half was disappointing and we conceded a very poor goal. The manager was very unhappy with our first-half performance but, when Andy Monkhouse came on after the break, we played with two wide men and I thought there was only going to be one winner."

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Rotherham went behind when Luton goalkeeper Mark Ovendale's long clearance was turned inside by Matthew Taylor and Andrew Fotiadis calmly side-stepped the lunging Guy Branston to fire his shot wide of Andy Gray.

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Moore put on substitute Monkhouse at the break and the manager's half-time talk clearly hit the spot. With Paul Warne wide on the right and Monkhouse on the left, Rotherham put Luton under pressure for the first time.

Leo Fortune-West twice went close and Rotherham had two confident penalty appeals waved aside before Robins grabbed the equaliser in the 65th minute with his fourth goal of the season.

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Stewart Talbot's pass split Luton wide open and Paul Hurst raced through on a solo run and unleashed a hard, low shot. Ovendale flung himself to his left and got a hand to the ball but could only palm it straight into the path of Robins, who made no mistake from six yards out.

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Five minutes later Talbot had a chance to put Rotherham ahead with a free header from Robins' cross but nodded back across the area and Ovendale saved.

With five minutes to go Ovendale produced a great save to deny Branston before Luton went within a whisker of grabbing victory, substitute Tresor Kandol striking an upright.