

Taylor flukes it

Lincoln 0

Luton 1



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HIGH-FLYING Luton maintained their promotion challenge when a fluke goal from Matthew Taylor clinched victory at Lincoln.

The Hatters were quickly on top and had their first chance on 13 minutes from Paul Hughes, who turned inside the box to fire in a low shot which Lincoln keeper Alan Marriott did well to save.

The deadlock was broken three minutes before the interval in a bizarre fashion.

A superb 20-yard pass from Adrian Forbes found Taylor just outside the Lincoln box. He fired a low right-foot shot towards the unguarded net. Marriott managed to scramble back, then slipped on his line allowing the ball to roll under his body and over the line.

Lincoln created a rare chance in the 51st minute when Dave Cameron's cross from the right was met by Lee Thorpe, but the striker's header was saved by Carl Emberson.

Taylor was then presented with a glorious chance in the 57th minute, when he was picked out by an Ahmet Brkovic cross, somehow shooting wide from 10 yards.

With 11 minutes left, Howard and Matthew Spring created another great chance for Taylor, but the Luton man smashed his shot against the crossbar from close range.