

Panicking Robins fall



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Luton 2

Cheltenham 1

ANDREW Fotiadis netted his third league goal in three games to give Luton a narrow victory over basement boys Cheltenham.

He struck the winner after the impressive Steve Book had parried a shot from Dean Crowe.

Matthew Spring missed a good chance from close-range before Cheltenham took the lead through Russell Milton.

Spring had another effort palmed away by Book and Milton was denied by Cedric Berthelin at the other end until Chris Coyne levelled.

Luton gradually stepped up a gear and Book did well to turn over a shot from Aaron Skelton and also pushed a header from Steve Howard onto the crossbar.

Fotiadis missed a glorious chance in the second half and Crowe sent a rasping close-range header wide of the post in the final minute.

Cheltenham manager Graham Allner believes his side need to stop panicking after conceding another lead.

The Robins were in a commanding position until Coyne and Fotiadis' strikes cancelled out Milton's effort to leave Cheltenham stranded at the foot of the table.

Allner said: "We seemed to be struggling to hold on to a lead.

"Early in the second half, Luton got an equaliser and there was a touch of panic about our defending.

"We had done well in the first half and in the second, we needed to settle a bit but we couldn't."

Luton boss Joe Kinnear praised Fotiadis after his goal secured the win.

Kinnear said: "I heard the crowd shouting for him to be taken off when he missed a chance just before he scored. They need to have patience and they seemed to forget that he scored last week.

"Four wins on the trot is very satisfying and I am pleased with this win considering the side I had to put out.

"I barely had 11 fit players so there were always going to be hiccups in the team performance. We didn't always gel but we got the result and we deserved it."