

Luton late-on

Tranmere 1 Luton 3

THREE goals in the last 21 minutes brought Luton a deserved 3-1 away victory at Tranmere.

The home side were gifted the lead after 22 minutes when Luton skipper Kevin Nicholls needlessly handled a throw-in by Gareth Roberts.

Goalkeeper Cedric Berthelin saved the subsequent penalty from Stuart Barlow and the follow-up shot by Marvin Robinson but Roberts was on hand to net from close-range.

It was not until the 69th minute that Luton drew level with Matthew Spring finding the target after a mis-hit cross by Steve Howard.

Luton went ahead on 79 minutes with Ahmet Brkovic firing home in style from a cross by Tony Thorpe.

And the visitors settled the game in the 88th minute when Howard netted at the second attempt after his first shot had been half-saved by John Achterberg.

Luton were much the better side and might easily have won by a greater margin as Tranmere rarely put the Luton keeper under pressure throughout the game.