

Giant point for battlers

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Cheltenham 2 Luton 2

JULIAN Alsop came off the bench to earn struggling Cheltenham a vital point from a thrilling 2-2 draw against play-off hopefuls Luton Town at Whaddon Road.

The giant striker rose to head home Jamie Victory's cross with nine minutes remaining to deny the Hatters what would have been a deserved win.

Joe Kinnear's side opened the scoring on 12 minutes when Adrian Forbes found Paul Hughes in space, and the midfielder drilled a shot into the roof of the net from the edge of the area. The Robins responded well and were handed a lifeline on 26 minutes when John Finnigan was fouled in the area and Grant McCann despatched the resulting penalty.

Forbes restored the Hatters lead with a neat finish seven minutes before half time, but despite dominating the second period the visitors were pegged back by Alsop's late goal.