

LEE Mansell needed just one chance to salvage a 1-1 draw for battling Luton at fellow play-off hopefuls Colchester.

The Hatters were on the back foot for most of the match but poached a point when Matthew Spring's wayward shot hit Colchester skipper Andy Myers and dropped kindly for Mansell. He made no mistake, beating Simon Brown with a low drive to level the score after 28 minutes.

Earlier, home striker Scott McGleish had broken the deadlock with a marvellous header from Wayne Andrews' precise cross after 12 minutes.

Colchester had the better chances to gain a win but Andrews was unable to beat goalkeeper Marlon Beresford when clean through after 42 minutes.

The Essex side dominated the second half, especially the closing few minutes, as Beresford kept out Andrews, Rowan Vine, Craig Fagan and a long-range free kick from Liam Chilvers.

Luton boss Mike Newell was satisfied with a point after seeing his side come from behind.